ANDY CARS
of Llantwit Major
Private Hire Taxis

Any Distance • Airports
Contracts • 4 - 8 Seats
01446 795511
or 796777
Email:
andrew.brown01@btconnect.com

The Cowbridge
GEM

"Your ORIGINAL priceless weekly newspaper"
The Vale's longest serving Community Newspaper
Established 1983

LLANTWIT MAJOR AUTOCENTRE
MOTS Only
£44.99
Telephone:
01446 790100

Weekly audited distribution (26 weeks) to 31/12/08 - **42,924** (GEM Series). Audited by Grinter Johnson Ltd. Chartered Accountants.
www.cowbridge-today.co.uk
THURSDAY, MAY 14TH, 2009

'All of a sudden, Mexico City – one of the busiest places on earth – became deserted'

Cowbridge teacher tells of the day that swine flu hit Mexico

GEM EXCLUSIVE by TIM CHAPMAN

A FORMER head schoolgirl of Cowbridge Comprehensive, who is teaching in Mexico, has spoken of the fear people experienced as swine flu emerged as a threat to the population's health.

Natalie Cuthew, aged 25, who is from Cowbridge and attended the local comprehensive school from 1995 until 2005, told The GEM: "My fiance Ian Betts and I live in Mexico City where we work at the Lancaster International School in the south of the city.

"I work as a special needs and English teacher. The news of swine flu broke here late on the night of April 23 when a text went round the school staff to say that we should not go to school the next day as there was a flu problem."

Natalie said that at first no one grasped the seriousness of the situation.

"We didn't really realise what was happening, as there was nothing in the news, so we were just happy to have a day off work.

"We went to the cinema the next day and then to the local cantina, where we merrily spent a Friday night out!

"There were a few people wearing masks, but it wasn't until we woke up on Saturday, April 25 that we realised how serious it was.

"It was all over the international press and there were rumours the school would be closed on the Monday, too."

All of a sudden, Mexico City, one of the busiest places on earth, became deserted.

Natalie said: "We went out on the Sunday and the city was like a ghost town. Our road is very busy with a lot of markets stalls and traffic but there was just nothing.

(CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)

ABOVE: Natalie out enjoying the sights of Mexico City.

'Don't forget our lads in Afghanistan' says Vale mum

by TIM CHAPMAN

'DON'T forget our soldiers in Afghanistan' – that is the plea from a Vale mum whose son has just returned from active duty there.

Phillip Hannah (28) serves with the Queen's Dragoon Guards, and is safely back home to the immense relief of his parents Donna and David.

Donna said: "Our men and women in Afghanistan need to know they have the support of the public.

"Phillip was last back at Christmas and we went to Cowbridge to watch the Boxing Day hunt.

"He was in full uniform and a woman called Anita came up to him to say thank you for what he and all the men and women abroad were doing.

"It brought tears to his eyes to know that somebody appreciated what they are doing.

"Anita told her mother-in-law Ivy about meeting Phillip, Ivy and her friends at the Knitting and Bingo Club, Coytrahen sent 22 parcels and letters to the soldiers."

Donna stressed that when the public send out parcels it really gives the British services a lift.

She said it is important that people understand the distinction that the soldiers are doing their duty, and it is the politicians who make the decision to go to war.

"If people want to demonstrate against the war they should make their feelings known to the politicians, not to soldiers on a parade."

(CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)

ABOVE: Phillip is looking forward to spending time with his daughter, 19 month old Brontie.

'I felt my baby kick, which put my mind at rest...'

MUM-TO-BE THANKS EMERGENCY SERVICES AFTER CRASH NIGHTMARE

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

A VALE mother of two, who is expecting her third child, has described the nightmare moment the brakes of her car failed and she had to mount the grass verge of a country lane to avoid a head-on collision.

Sarah Wear, aged 35 from St Athan, contacted The GEM to pay tribute to the professionalism of the emergency services who gave her medical assistance and cut her free from her Kia car, which was lying on its driver's side with her trapped inside.

Sarah, who is six months pregnant, explained: "I was going through the lanes from Llantwit Major towards the A48, and approaching the village of Llysworney.

"My sons James, who is 12, and Alex, 10, were in the car with me.

"The traffic ahead began to stop and I attempted to put on my brakes and there was nothing there.

"I was heading for the van in front, swerved inside to avoid it, mounted the grass verge and struck the tailgate of the articulated lorry in front of the van, leaving my car on its side.

"Everything happened so quickly! The driver's airbag inflated, and then exploded, but did its job.

"When we were at a standstill I asked the boys if they were okay, and they were.

"It was a bit of a blur, but I remember hearing the car's fan and music still playing on the radio."

Sarah noticed a strange smell from the airbag, and was anxious that the boys got out as she was concerned there might be a fire or the car might explode. James, who was in the back, climbed out using the door, but Alex, who was in the passenger seat, had to wriggle out through the window.

"I couldn't get out because the side of the car was smashed in.

"I was worried about the baby because anything can happen in a crash. I wasn't in pain, and then I felt the baby kick – which put my mind at rest.

"Support arrived so quickly. Linda and Paula, two nurses from the Princess of Wales Hospital who were travelling along the lane, were immediately on hand to check

"I was conscious and comfortable – they gave me towels to rest my head on.

"They kept reassuring me and talking to me to keep my mind off things."

Paramedics and four fire crews – one each from Cowbridge and Pontypridd, and two from Bridgend – raced to the scene.

"A paramedic climbed in behind me and gave me oxygen. The firefighters secured the vehicle to make sure it didn't topple over and then cut off the roof.

"It took about 40 minutes for them to free me.

"Without the quick response and professionalism of everybody at the scene I wouldn't have felt anywhere near as safe."

Sarah was taken for a full check up at the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend while the police contacted her husband Neil to let him know that despite the collision she was safe and sound.

"I had cuts and bruises down my right hand side, but nothing serious.

"The midwives carried out a scan of the baby which was fine."

The collision took place at 12.40pm, Sarah was in hospital being checked up by 2pm – and home by 4pm!

"My husband's parents, Alan and Val, gave me a lift home.

"I want to thank the nurses who were on the scene, the paramedics and firefighters, and the hospital staff and midwives for all their help that afternoon – everybody was so helpful and professional," Sarah added.

ABOVE: Sarah's smashed car illustrates how fortunate she was to escape with just cuts and bruises.

Big Screen

BIG SCREEN'S next showing in Cowbridge is a British comedy *A Bunch of Amateurs* (Cert 15), on Thursday, May 21, at 7.30pm, in the Town Hall.

The film is about an aging actor (Burt Reynolds) who leaves Hollywood for what he believes is a run at the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of *King Lear* in Stratford-upon-Avon, only to find out that is actually an amateur dramatic society performance in Stratford St John, Suffolk.

Doors open at 7.10pm. Tickets £3 (available in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on the door).

(Advertisement)

Property Rentals Boom!

THE staff at property rentals agency Lloyd Taylor Simpson in Pencoed have a bit of a problem. They have almost run out of properties to rent!

Michelle Thomas, manager of the branch in Pencoed says: "We are rushed off our feet. Suddenly everyone wants to rent a new home and in some cases we are letting properties within hours of them being placed with us. We also have multiple tenants chasing the same property so competition for good quality properties is really high."

She added: "Most of our tenants come to us through our website and through our newspaper and radio advertising, but it's the landlords who are in short supply now as we have more potential tenants than ever .

"I think the market has become much more buoyant in recent months because everyone has got fed up with waiting for good news and want to get on with their lives so are now making moves that were possibly planned as much as a year ago but were put on hold because of the credit crunch.

"Everyone now seems to want to move on. We haven't seen this level of activity for years," added Martyn Lloyd "and the Bridgend area is not the only office that is buzzing. We have seen a big upturn in both sales and rentals in Cardiff with good quality properties being snapped up almost as soon as they become available.

"There's a new air of confidence in the property market throughout South Wales particularly in the rentals side of our business so we are actively looking for more landlords with properties to rent in a ten mile radius of Bridgend. Particularly sought after areas are Brackla, Broadlands, Bridgend town centre – especially near the hospital, Pencoed and Cowbridge.

He added: "Any landlords looking to rent out a property can call Michelle at **Lloyd Taylor Simpson** on **Bridgend (01656) 861010**."

'Nothing jolly about litter'

THE recent letter from your reader headed 'Drinks ban on Barry Island' naively expresses the opinion that 'late night parties on the beach,' at Barry Island, sound rather jolly.

Maybe! but who is listening? Certainly not the hundreds of law-abiding beach visitors who spend summer days with their young children enjoying a clean and glass and can-free facility. Just as dog's mess is totally unacceptable, so are empty bottles, cans and hundreds of cigarette ends that uncaring late night revellers leave behind.

I know this, as I often pick them up before I can occupy my chosen spot to settle for a swim and to soak up the beach noises from happy families, content that their children can run and play on a litter-free beach.
(Name and address supplied)

'Thank you to our volunteers'

OPERATION Christmas Child is holding a 'thank you evening' for our volunteers who worked at the Talbot Green Warehouse last year.

Over 140 volunteers spent many hours during the campaign providing gifts, checking shoe boxes and cartoning them for transport, then loading the lorries which took the shoe boxes to East European Countries some volunteers have been attending for many years.

It will be held at Talbot Green Community Centre Cowbridge Road, Talbot Green CF72 8HS on June 18 from 7.30pm-9pm.

We hope to have presentations from volunteers who went out last year and delivered the shoe boxes to the children. There will also be displays showing other projects that Samaritan's Purse are involved in.

We are hoping this will be an informative and interesting evening where we can get together socially. Why not come and bring a friend?
Ted and Margaret Bird, Llanedeyrn
(Telephone 029 2073 4794)

Communication skills lacking

I FEEL obliged to comment on the Safer Vale article printed in The GEM on April 30.

A few years ago, there was a strong campaign to improve skills in communication/spelling and composition within the English language and to reduce 'gobbledegook' smart talk, so loved by politicians.

This article, which was composed by a council department, personified all the bad points reviled by academics at that time.

The language is flowery and overblown – is it intended to bore people?

Some modern spelling abuse also crept in ... most noticeably the word 'sinage' – I take it that means signs.

All in all, an article that will do nothing to improve communication skills.
James Tuttle, Penarth

W JAMES & SONS
FUNERAL DIRECTORS
FONMON, RHOOSE, NEAR BARRY
ESTABLISHED 1860
Independent family business with 24 hours personal service covering Barry and the Vale of Glamorgan
PRIVATE CHAPEL OF REST
Tel Rhoose (01446) 710096

THE COLUMN YOU WRITE

Readers' Letters

We reserve the right to edit all letters. We do NOT accept anonymous mail. Letters should include an address and contact telephone number. An email address alone is not sufficient. We will (in certain circumstances), protect a writer's identity, if requested. Please keep your letters brief and address them to: The Editor, Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL.

'Tackle bullying before tackling the dress code'

I DON'T normally write letters to the press, locally or otherwise, but I feel that I must make my views felt regarding double standards of dress code at the Llantwit Major Comprehensive School.

I totally agree with the parent who wrote in on April 30, regarding staff dress standards compared with the children.

My granddaughter is regularly checked to make sure she is not wearing inappropriate clothing.

For Dr Vincent Brown to say that he is disappointed that parents go directly to the press without consulting the school first, is amazing.

I personally have written to him concerning the dress code, but I have received no reply. I have also phoned the school about petty dress rules such as hair bands being the wrong colour.

I spoke to Mrs X who said that Miss Y was not available and that she would ring me later. Guess what? No-one ever did!

I feel that if the headteacher and his staff concentrated on the bullying and anti-social behaviour of a minority of pupils, the majority of normal, well-behaved students could progress their education more confidently.
(Name and address supplied)

Christie organ move welcomed

THE idea suggested by a GEM reader that the Christie organ be moved from Barry Memorial Hall to the Theatre Royal cinema, is something the Save Our Cinema Association (SOCA) would look into – if we were able to establish the landowner's decision on the site's future...

Our intentions to see the building reopen as a cinema have been made known, but a response has not been forthcoming.

Given the opportunity, SOCA are still willing to negotiate and hope a residential development is not the next attraction signifying THE END for this county treasure listed building.
P Sutton, Barry

Harnessing tidal energy would be more efficient and cheaper

I WAS disappointed to read in John Smith MP's annual report (GEM, April 23) that he supports the Severn Barrage.

Just because the Barrage would produce the most energy out of the five short-listed options, does not automatically mean that it is the best project.

Being the largest project also means it is the most expensive for the taxpayer. The environmental damage that would be caused by a Lavernock-Weston Barrage would be huge and could undermine the fight against climate change.

I feel John Smith has got it wrong on this issue.

Plaid is calling for European support for Severn Estuary tidal power schemes that minimise environmental damage while maximising zero-carbon electricity generation at a cost affordable to consumers.

We believe that the tidal energy potential of the Severn Estuary can be developed more efficiently, cheaply and with a less negative impact on the environment and shipping movements.

This could be achieved by a combination of lagoons and tidal stream turbines.
Ioan Bellin
(Plaid Cymru European candidate)

SKATERS NEED PROTECTION

I DON'T know whether Richard Taylor was wearing head protection when he was killed, but as he is an icon for the local skate park I hope that all those who use the park will wear the necessary protective gear.
Mrs DE Coombes Herridge, Barry

NO SHOW AT JAZZ NIGHT

I WAS surprised and disgusted that Llantwit Major town councillors – with the exception of Coun Russell Downe – thought fit not to be present at the recent charity jazz night.

It was a lovely evening, enjoyed by all, and the final charity event for our Lady Mayor, Mrs Molly Lane, who had raised enough funds to purchase two defribilators – one for Llantwit Major and one which was presented to the Mayor of Cowbridge for their town.

Sadly, our Town Council do not appear to give their support to this potentially life-saving gift to our town.

What an excellent way to lose votes!
Mrs Pat Maynard, Llantwit Major

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MAY 21)

The high tides listed in The GEM are those in Barry. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Porthcawl, the high point will be 15– 20 minutes earlier.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
14 Thur	10.41	13.0	22.57	12.9
15 Fri	11.15	12.4	23.26	12.3
16 Sat	11.55	12.0		
17 Sun	00.21	12.1	12.46	11.9
18 Mon	01.14	11.7	13.47	11.6
19 Tues	02.30	11.8	15.03	11.8
20 Wed	03.44	12.3	16.09	12.4
21 Thur	04.44	13.1	17.11	13.1

USEFUL VALE INFORMATION

CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555111
(Emergency number 999)
COASTGUARD 01792 366534
FLOOD LINE 0845 9881188
HELPLINES
Alcohol and drugs:
Drinkline **0800 9178282**
National Drugs Helpline **0800 776600**
DASH **01656 650686**
SSAFA – Forces Help for serving and ex-service men, women and families **01656 785435**
RAF Association Welfare Officer 01495 249522/01446 740522
SAMARITANS (emotional support) **01656 662333**
VALE WOMEN'S AID 01446 744755
MENTAL DISTRESS
(Mental Health Matters) **01656 767045**
Mental Health Helpline:
Freephone **0800 132 737**
MIND in the Vale of Glamorgan
01446 730792 or www.mindinthevale.org.uk
CHILDLINE 0800 1111 - www.childline.org.uk
Rape Crisis Centre 08451 221331.
RSPCA 0300 123 0744. MIND 01446 746191.
AIDS helplines 0800 567123.
Child abuse – NSPCC 0800 800500.
Alcoholics Anonymous – (24 hours) 0845 7697555.
Drug Aid (24 hours) 02920 881000.
Inroads Drugs Project – 42, Holton Road, Barry. 01446 404040.
Vale Victim & Witness Support - Barry Magistrates Court, Thompson Street, Barry CF63 4SX. 01446 730704.

MP & AM's SURGERY TIMES

To make a surgery appointment with John Smith MP, contact the constituency office (01446) 743769. Office hours are 9am-5pm. Answerphone service outside office hours.

To make a surgery appointment with Jane Hutt AM, contact the constituency office (01446) 740981. Office hours are 9am-5pm. Answerphone service outside office hours.

Citizens Advice: At 119 Broad Street, Barry. Office opening times vary throughout the week.Telephone 0845 120 3756 between 10am and noon for details). Further information on www.adviceguide.org.uk

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police - Gladstone Road, Barry; for normal service 01446 734451; in emergency 999. Fire - South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Pontyclun 01443 232000; in emergency 999. Coastguard - Regional Office, Swansea 01792 366534; in emergency 999. **Gas** - Gas emergency number 0800 111999. Electricity - Emergency 0800 0520400; Water - Emergency 0800 052 0130; supply 0800 0520130. Trading Standards Consumer Advice Centre - Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry; hours of opening for telephone enquiries - Monday to Thursday, 8.30am-5pm; Friday 8.30am-4.30pm on 01446 709105. For personal visits, Monday to Thursday 9am-4.30pm. Friday 9am-4pm. Recycling Hotline - 02920 673000.

To report a fly tipping incident - 02920 673000.

HOSPITALS

The Barry Hospital - visiting 2pm-8pm each day, 01446 704000. Llandough - Wards have individual visiting times. For details call 029 2071 1711. Princess of Wales - 01656 752752/668090.

For Out Of Hours Chemists, call the Vale of Glamorgan Local Health Board on 02920 350600, or NHS Direct Wales on 0845 4647.

The GEM – A family owned newspaper covering

"We hope you enjoy your GEM"
CAROLINE ATTYA
General Manager & Editorial Director

"We aim to use all local news items submitted"
Please email us at:
ggem@internet-today.co.uk
DON JOHN
Editorial Consultant

Professional advertising staff are highly experienced in planning advertising campaigns. ***Please email your enquiry to gemsales@internet-today.co.uk***

Enquiries concerning payment of accounts may be discussed with our Accounts Manager
MARGARET VANDERWARKER on 01446 774484

VISIT OUR WEBSITES:
cowbridge-today.co.uk
barry-today.co.uk
llantwit-major-today.co.uk
bridgend-today.co.uk

For all enquiries concerning the distribution of this newspaper, please telephone 01446 774484

All advertisements are accepted under our conditions of acceptance. A copy of this is on display at our Cowbridge office, or will be sent out upon request

Write to us at:
GLAMORGAN GEM,
GRAIG HOUSE,
53 EASTGATE,
COWBRIDGE,
CF71 7EL
Tel: 01446 774484
or email us at:
ggem@internet-today.co.uk

Published by: Glamorgan GEM Limited, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge. CF71 7EL and printed by North Wales Newspapers.

MEXICO CITY FLU!

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

"We went to the supermarket and everyone was wearing masks so we tried to buy some. All our local shops had sold out so we couldn't take that precaution.

"Luckily, the parents of some of my students gave us some a few days later, as they are doctors."

Since the outbreak, Mexico's economy has lost billions. Natalie explained: "From the Monday onwards, the city slowly shut everything down.

"The president made an announcement asking people to stay at home, and for businesses to only open if absolutely necessary.

"Bars and restaurants were asked to only serve take-away food, to prevent people being in close proximity to each other, but many just closed down altogether as there was just no-one to serve.

"Since May 3, people have started going back to normal a little bit. There aren't as many people in masks and some businesses have reopened."

ABOVE: People with masks out on the street of Mexico City when the flu outbreak struck.

Last Thursday things at Natalie's school started to return to normal, but new procedures have been introduced.

"Students have to go through a check point upon arriving at school. There are five questions they have to answer and there are doctors on the door to check for illness.

"If anyone has any of the symptoms they are sent to the health centre straight away. The same goes for teachers. We are being provided with alcohol to wash our hands and disinfectant to clean our classrooms after each class.

"The timetable has been changed so we have a short break after every two classes in order to clean, and for the students to go and wash their hands.

"It was really quite scary at the beginning as we didn't really know what was going on and because we don't speak the language, we haven't understood everything that is going on."

To top it all off, an earthquake struck Mexico on April 27.

Natalie, who has not lost her sense of humour, said: "It registered six points on Richter Scale and shook our building. Fortunately, since the 1985 earthquake, most buildings are earthquake-proof – so there was no damage anywhere near us but you could say it was an exciting week!"

In July Natalie and Ian are returning to Britain to get married before moving to Portugal – hopefully for a peaceful married life!

COWBRIDGE IS SET TO BLOOM ONCE AGAIN...

WITH the words 'recession' and 'credit crunch' ringing in all our ears, we hope that you have been heartened by the daffodils and pansies that have formed the basis of our best-ever winter lamp post and riverside display.

We would like to thank Barry Ford of Sutton once again, not only for supplying the plants, but for his constant care and cooperation when it comes to preparing for the half-yearly changeover.

We are hoping, as usual, to replace winter for summer plants in early June, and if you are up early enough one Sunday you will spot a tall team, with ladders and broom, working its stealthy way down the main road, lamp post by lamp post, replacing all 72 baskets.

You will have to be quick, though, as they achieved a lifetime best of one hour dead last time and are hoping to improve on it.

Although we usually receive some financial support from both the Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council and the Vale Council, our main funding is raised by voluntary donations from the businesses and commercial premises of Cowbridge, most of whom have given generously to this cause over the years.

We do realise that times are harder this year, but we hope that you will all consider giving, even if it has to be a reduced sum – it all helps to add that little ray of sunshine to our lives. Volunteers will be visiting soon to make the request in person.

In anticipation of some sun this summer, we are also planning the watering rota. You will doubtless have seen the Cowbridge in Bloom water bowser, recently overhauled and working like a dream, and perhaps wished that you too could take a turn with it.

Well, I am happy to say that now is your chance – we have vacancies on our team and are ready to recruit. The job description is as follows: Time commitment: two sessions of one to two hours in one week, sometime from early June to mid-September, arranged to suit. You could opt for the two-week opportunity, in which case the salary is doubled.

Duties: Working in a pair, collect the bowser from premises at the top of the main road, water each lamp post on one side on your way down to the end, refill, water the other side on your way up.

Person specification: Ideal candidate is tall, fit, young and has lots of friends who would like to join too. Salary: nil.

Rewards: amusing remarks from passers-by, sense of achievement, excuse for a beer while filling the bowser in the Arthur John's courtyard and a evening get-together in the Mayor's parlour in September with booze and food provided.

Applications: please telephone Harry Jones on 01446 773221 or David Phillips on 01446 773810. Success guaranteed; there will be no interviews!

Seriously, though, folks – this is a genuine plea for help as there is a real need for assistance from the local community for what should be a communal effort to benefit the town!

BARBARA JONES

Vale village mourns local banker shot in Bahamas

HYWEL JONES, the Welsh banker originally from Peterston-super-Ely, who was shot in the Bahamas and had since been in a coma, has died in hospital.

Mr Jones (55) was arriving at his office when he was shot in the head.

Mr Jones' mother, Mrs Mildred Jones, had only said goodbye to friends in the village as recently as December to move to the Bahamas to live with her son.

She had endured ill health in recent years and Mr Jones had planned to take care of her in her old age.

Police in the Bahamas described the attack as bearing the hallmarks of a professional hitman.

Mrs Jones is being comforted by her other son Illtyd, who flew in from California where he works in the film industry.

Mr Peter Ockwell, who runs the village's garage and knew Hywel's father Tom, and knows the family, said: "The community of Peterston is very close knit and people will want to extend their condolences to Mildred, Illtyd and the rest of the family."

It is believed Mr Jones' body will be flown back to the UK for burial in Wales.

Get ready for a taste of Camelot in Llantwit Major!

ABOVE: Members of Cowbridge Amateur Operatic Society.

THE Cowbridge Amateur Operatic Society is performing *Camelot* at Llantwit Major Comprehensive School from May 27-30 at 7.15pm – matinée on May 30 2pm start.

For more information, telephone 0845 459 2605 or visit www.cowbridgeaos.org.uk

Credit Crunching

Meal Deal

2 course meal... ...only £10pp

Monday - Saturday

12noon-2.30pm & 6pm-9pm

Choice of Home-Cooked Dishes

Real Ales & Friendly Service

Under New Management

Recently Refurbished

THE SIX BELLS

Penmark

Village Pub & Restaurant

01446 710229

only 3 mins. drive from Cardiff Airport

*Selected dishes are offered as part of the 'Meal Deal'. See the main menu for details. Cannot be used with any other offer or promotion. Picture for illustration only.

'Don't forget our lads in Afghanistan'

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

The Hannah family moved from Liverpool to Bonvilston in 1998 when David began working in Bridgend.

The family has strong services connections – David served in the RAF and Donna in the Army.

Phillip's experience also illustrates the difficulties soldiers face when stressful events are taking place at home while they are serving abroad.

On October 20, 2004, Phillip left for Iraq – the day before his older brother Jamie's 26th birthday. Jamie had a brain tumour, and on November 12 Phillip flew back home to spend a final week with his older brother, who died at the Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth on November 19.

Phillip's grandfather Rod, who lived in Ormskirk, had died on October 24, four days after he had left.

Donna stressed: "People should not forget our soldiers in Afghanistan. They are a long way away from home.

"Some are giving their lives, some are injured, and some don't have signs of injury but we don't know what they have gone through.

"If anyone is interested in sending parcels to our troops they can contact me on 01446 781835."

Phillip has a month off and is looking forward to spending the time with the apple of his eye, Brontie, his 19 month old daughter.

Plaid surgery

PLAID Cymru regional AM for South Wales Central, Chris Franks, wil hold a surgery on Friday, May 22, at Cowbridge town hall, from 4pm-5pm.

Visit The GEM's new website and see a fully digital version of this week's paper! cowbridge-today.co.uk

Pontfaen Probus on a membership drive!

THE Pontfaen Probus Club has mounted a 'recruitment drive' for new members.

The club, one of three based in Cowbridge, is an organisation whose members have retired from full-time employment in their profession or business and live in the Cowbridge area.

The club meets regularly at the Bear Hotel on the morning of the third Tuesday of each month, when members enjoy a guest speaker and informal drink and lunch for those who want it.

The speaker programme is designed to comprise entertaining topics of interest to the membership. For example, this year's programme includes talks by a former Wales rugby captain, by an expert on Italian wines and by someone who has trekked to Everest base camp.

In addition to the regular meetings, the club has an annual summer outing and a Christmas luncheon which members and their wives can enjoy. There is also an optional monthly supper club, where several members and wives meet and dine at a local restaurant or pub as a social event.

There are also *ad-hoc* events planned throughout the year such as boat-trips or theatre visits.

While the membership is limited in numbers to maintain its close fellowship, new members would be very welcome.

Anyone interested in joining the club could initially come along as a guest to the meetings and check it out for themselves.

If interested, telephone president David Crompton 01446 751490 or honorary secretary Ceredig Lewis on 01446 772905. **LTG**

Firefighters 'Open day'

FIREFIGHTERS at Cowbridge Fire Station are holding a special 'open day' to encourage more local people to find out about the work of the local fire station and, if interested how they can become part of the new team of retained duty system firefighters.

The open day is on May 25, is completely free and the fun will begin at 10.30am running through to 4pm.

Uplifting night at Merched Y Wawr!

THE Cowbridge branch of Merched y Wawr had a very uplifting night in the Lesser Hall when they hosted a coffee evening for the region's branches.

The uplift came in the form of nearly 1,000 bras presented to Eluned Jones, who works for Oxfam, by Merched y Wawr's president, Dr Esyllt Jones.

Oxfam has an intensive campaign this year to collect as many bras as possible for women in the third world and Merched y Wawr have pledged their support for this incentive.

To date the bras collected number well over 8,000. They will be sorted by Oxfam, some will be sold in shops in the UK, while the others will be sent to countries in Africa to be decorated.

These will be given to shops run by native women to be sold. The bra is a most precious commodity to the women in deprived countries.

CT

He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.

Proverbs Ch 21 V 21 *(Cowbridge Christian Fellowship)*

The Cowbridge Mayor's charity year raises £3,450 for Cancer Care Cymru

THE MAYOR of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun David Morris, has expressed his appreciation that local people and businesses have helped to raise £3,450 for Cancer Care Cymru during his year in office.

Coun Morris said: "It is a tribute to people's generosity in an austere time that that they have dug deep in their pockets."

The mayor's ball, held at the Bear Hotel on April 24, gave the fundraising a major boost, and Coun Morris was able to hand over a cheque for £3,000 to the executive officer of Cancer Care Cymru, Debbie Whiteley, on the night.

Coun Morris said: "We sold 117 tickets and the Bear Hotel did us really proud.

"Cowbridge businesses have to take credit for all the raffle prizes they provided.

"People were so generous on the night. One person, who asked to remain anonymous, gave a donation of £200.

"The Half Tidy choral singers even donated their fee to the charity!

"People have kept giving since the event – somebody stopped me in the street the other night on my way back from a council meeting and gave me another £20!"

Coun Morris's year of office comes to an end on May 19, but he has pledged to remain as busy as ever, co-ordinating Armed Forces Day Past, Present and Future on Cooper's Field in Cardiff on June 27.

Oh the joys of the summer hanging baskets!

PENLLYN AND DISTRICT WI

THE branch monthly meeting was held on May 5 in the Penllyn village hall.

The speaker, who was introduced by Jane Exell, was Kevin Thomas from Bryncethin Nursery, who showed members how to make hanging baskets.

He demonstrated how to plant a large 'flat-bottomed' wire mesh hanging basket, and also a smaller 'round-bottomed' basketwork version.

He proved to be an excellent speaker, and throughout his demonstration he entertained us with jokes and amusing anecdotes, while giving valuable information on hanging baskets and suitable plants.

He also answered members' general gardening questions.

His enthusiasm made us all eager to go and create our own hanging baskets, while mindful of his warning not to put out hanging baskets and bedding plants too early, but to wait until the end of May.

Kevin brought along an extensive display of plants as well as some garden shrubs. Members were able to purchase items at the end of the evening.

The speaker was thanked by our president, Novello Peters.

Jill Watkins informed members of the WI resolution (requesting that the government increases funding for research into bees). The resolution was discussed, voted on and accepted.

Novello Peters reminded members that the Glamorgan WI Show will be in Cornelly this year (instead of at Margam Park Show) on August 28 -29 and encouraged members to consider which categories they would like to enter.

Members were also encouraged to put their names forward for courses at WI's Denman College, especially those wanting to go on the Glamorgan Weekend next March.

A questionnaire was later circulated, to enable members to suggest subject areas or topics for future meetings.

The annual walk will be on May 19, and will be an evening walk this year to allow members who work during the day to join us.

We will meet in Ogmore car park at 6.30pm, and walk along the coastal path. The evening will round off with a meal in St Bride's Major.

Members are holding a recruitment day on Wednesday, May 20 with a coffee morning (at 11am) and a coffee evening (at 7.30pm) in Penllyn Village Hall, where prospective new members can come and find out more about us.

The next meeting will be on June 2, at7.30pm in Penllyn Village Hall. The speaker will be Stephen Jarvis, on the subject of 'Fascinating Kitchen Implements'.

New members are welcome. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month in Penllyn Village Hall.

For further information, telephone 01656 674191 or Marjorie 01656 647115.

MARJORIE NASH

Youngsters cop a treat from the local bobbies!

YOUNGSTERS at Colwinston Playgroup had a visit from their local bobbies last week.

PCSOs Steven Thomas and Matt Woodman were there to tell them about their jobs and answer questions.

"The children had the chance to sit in the police car, and some even switched on the siren and flashing blue lights! " a spokeswoman reported.

ABOVE:
PCSO Steven Thomas with children from the Colwinston Playgroup.

'MAKE THIS ROAD TO SCHOOL SAFER' SAYS A REGIONAL AM

DURING an Assembly debate, regional AM Andrew RT Davies raised the issue of improvements to the pedestrian route from the village of St Mary Church to Llanfair Primary School with the Education Minister.

He stated: "I am concerned that the walking route from the village of St Mary Church to Llanfair Primary School is unsafe in places and needs to be addressed before an accident occurs.

"Every parent and child deserves the right to a safe route from the home to school. With rising concerns about childhood obesity and traffic pollution, it is even more important that children have a safe route to walk to school.

"It has been suggested that this is not a priority for improvement because priorities are determined by the number of deaths on a particular road. I hope we do not have to wait for a death on this road before action is taken to improve it.

The AM told The GEM: "I raised this matter in the Assembly chamber with the Education Minister and urged her to work with her colleague who holds the transport portfolio to find funding to make this stretch of road safer.

"The need for a safe crossing point on the main road is pressing, especially close to the Herberts. I hope that the Labour-Plaid Government will give greater priority to routes to school, so all children are able to get to school in complete safety."

MARATHON DRUMMING SESSION FOR CHARITY

PROFESSIONAL drummer and tutor Iolo Whelan recently played drums and percussion for 24 hours in St Hilary – to raise funds for the charity WaterAid.

The drumathon also included sponsored drumming sessions from Iolo's students; an evening concert featuring local favourite Colum Regan; the folk band Mabon, and an African drumming workshop.

Hundreds of local people and visitors attended the non-stop 24-hour session, which raised well over £2,000 for WaterAid.

"The support has been overwhelming," said Iolo (34). "Family, friends, fellow musicians and local companies have pitched in to help in all sorts of ways, and my students and their families have been fantastic!

"WaterAid aims to provide clean water for people who live in areas where water is unsafe, and I'm so pleased we can help their work."

Iolo can be contacted at www.justgiving.com/the-bigbash.

ABOVE: Iolo Whelan.

Vale parishioners' cup of coffee for a Gaza appeal

THE Archdeacon of Margam and 80 parishioners from St Bride's Major met for coffee on Saturday to help raise money for families in Gaza.

They were joined by Vale AM Jane Hutt and nearly £600 was raised at St Bride's Major church hall for the Church in Wales' Jubilee Fund to restock and rebuild a family health centre in Gaza destroyed in January.

The centre caters for 70,000 people living in a poor district of Gaza City and is the base for a mobile dental clinic funded by the Church in Wales.

The Archdeacon, the Ven Philip Morris, who co-ordinates the Jubilee Fund, invited people to take part.

He said: "We are very grateful to everyone who took part in the coffee morning, which was part of the all-Wales event we called, 'Wales' Biggest Coffee Morning'.

"The mobile dental clinic is such a familiar sight in the districts of Gaza City in which it works, with its prominent red dragon on the sides and front.

So far the Fund has raised more than £45,000.

TOP RIGHT AND LEFT: Archdeacon Philip Morris and Jane Hutt AM, above; and left Jane Hutt with Mayor of the Vale Audrey Preston, and her consort Robert Preston.

'Mysterious orbs' video is viewed by 295 GEM readers who debate 'WHAT WERE THEY?'

SINCE last week's edition of The GEM more than 275 people have viewed the mysterious 'brilliant orbs' video on line at *www.barry-today.co.uk.*

Steve and Gill Ryan who live in Barry, recorded the two bright lights one Wednesday night in the evening sky near Dow Corning on Gill's Samsung mobile phone – and there was a mystery sting in the tail, with one of the lights appearing to eject black objects from it.

A number of readers have been in touch with their theories on the mystery orbs.

Glyn Evans, from Bridgend, was amazed when he saw The GEM's story.

He said: "My eyes popped out when I saw the article – the orbs were just like a light I saw in the sky above Fairwater in Cardiff.

"It was on a Tuesday a month ago at about 9.05pm – I noted the time because it looked unusual – at first I thought it was a hot air balloon, but I could see flames within the light.

"It headed off in the direction of St Fagans."

Flames in the sphere chimes with a theory of Gary Owen, a GEM reader from Barry.

Gary said: "I believe these were paper hot air balloons. They are about three feet high with a wire cross section at the bottom where you place a small tea light candle.

"When you light the candle the heat makes the balloon rise into the air .

"The balloon is made of thin paper so it glows white with the light from the candle. As the candle burns out the air in the balloon, it cools and the balloon comes down."

Gary works at Zeon Chemicals near Dow Corning and said these sort of balloons have landed in the factory.

Another GEM reader from Sully speculated that the lights may have been connected to the lifeboat operations.

Mr Wally Davies explained: "I live in Sully and saw a similar thing some weeks ago.

"About a week later I saw them again and went to the rear of the house looking toward the sea – they were flares from the Barry lifeboat."

Chris Eveleigh checked out the video and commented:

"I checked out the 'orb vid' and have found with the Google maps that they line up with the Bristol Airport planes' landing lights which are on for the control tower to see them.

"Sorry Jack and Caitlin (Steve and Gill's son and granddaughter who were excited to see the lights) I do believe in UFOs , but this one is identified. The truth is out there!"

View the video at www.Barry-today.co.uk and see what you think!

ABOVE: At one minute 45 seconds in the video black objects appear to be ejected from the ball of light in different directions. Earlier there are two 'orbs', but one disappears.

Peterston pupils' spellathon raises £1,823 for the NSPCC

ABOVE: Pupils of Peterston Super Ely primary school hand over the cheque to the NSPCC.

CHILDREN at Peterston Super Ely primary school recently raised £1,823 in a sponsored charity Spellathon.

Linda Killick, NSPCC Cymru/Wales Schools Organiser, was "delighted" at the level of involvement of the pupils, with Mr Davies' year-3 class winning the best class participation certificate.

Mrs Lloyd, acting headteacher, said the pupils and their families are always supportive when raising funds for charities. She thought the children were so enthusiastic because they knew they would be helping other children less fortunate than themselves.

The funds raised will go towards supporting some of the local services, including the NSPCC Cymru/Wales Helpline.

Schools can contact Linda at lkillick@nspcc.org.uk or telephone her on 01446 794832.

Busy month for Cowbridge choir

COWBRIDGE Male Voice Choir has begun the final countdown to its annual concert at the local leisure centre this Saturday (May 16) at 7pm.

The choir has undertaken extra practices for its flagship concert of the year, to present several major pieces never before heard in Cowbridge.

On Saturday, May 2 the choir sang before and during the wedding service of Andrew and Victoria Morrow in Talygarn Church, near Pontyclun.

It also helped to bolster the singing of those two magnificent hymns 'Love Divine All Loves Excelling' and 'Praise My Soul the King of Heaven'.

That evening, the choir celebrated the 70th birthday of its popular chairman, Gwyn Thomas, at Cowbridge Rugby Club.

Last Saturday saw the choir singing on the Tesco stage at the Millennium Centre in Cardiff for the third year in succession, a free concert starting at 1pm.

As usual, tickets for 'the annual' are in high demand. Priced this year at £7.50, they can be obtained from Sorrento Furnishers, Barnes Dry Cleaners and Cowbridge Leisure Centre in Cowbridge; from Gwyneth J Morgan in Llantwit Major; from The Charity Shop, Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun, or by contacting Frank Maynard on 01446 772454.

Bob Whitaker

THE SPECTACLE WAREHOUSE @ specsaver direct

SPECTACLE MANUFACTURE & REPAIR SERVICE

Discount Spectacles (South Wales)

Spectacles direct to the public at Trade Prices

UP TO 50% DISCOUNT ON DESIGNER FRAMES & LENSES

Ray-Ban D&G DOLCE, GABBANA JAEGER Christian Dior MOSCHINO MISS SIXTY PRADA

Just bring along your prescription, choose your frames from our extensive designer collection and we'll do the rest.

Any Questions? Call the Discount Designers HOTLINE on 01446 733444

UNIT 8B, ATLANTIC TRADING ESTATE, BARRY

PAST JEWSONS, STRAIGHT ACROSS NEXT ROUNDABOUT, LEFT AT GREENBANKS CARE GROUP

FOY & CO. INTERIORS

Re-upholstery & Soft Furnishing SPECIALISTS

Modern, Antique, Private and commercial work.

OVER 100,000 metres of FABRIC in stock!

Huge range of leading designer fabrics by: Romo, Designers Guild, Osborne & Little, Colefax & Fowler plus many more. All current, to clear up to £8 per mtr

Open Monday to Saturday 10am-5pm

(01446) 771210

Mobile (07971) 538414

Unit 8B2 Vale Business Park

Llandow, Cowbridge, CF71 7PF

Where can you find a quality hearing service?

If you, or a family member or friend are experiencing hearing difficulties and need local professional advice - look no further.

- FREE Hearing Tests
- FREE Demonstrations of the latest in digital technology
- FREE Pack of batteries when you bring your old hearing aid for a check up

Gareth Morris
RHAD FSHAA
Hearing Aid Audiologist

Commendation winners at the Rayovac European Audiologist of the year 2008

Hearing Aid Solutions

Sound Advice Wales' premier hearing centre

"I'm so pleased to have got in touch with Hearing Aid Solutions.The hearing aid I bought has completely changed my life. I have now been able to set up my own business."

Mrs M Williams (Llandeilo)

aihhp.org

BRIDGEND - THE OPTIC SHOP, 12 NOLTON STREET
TEL: 01656 669999

CARDIFF - THE OPTIC SHOP, 2 ST MARY STREET
TEL: 02920 343600

CARDIFF - JR LANE, 96b STATION ROAD, LLANDAFF NORTH
TEL: 02920 568885

FROM PENALLTA COLLIERY TO PANORAMIC VIEWS OF BEACONS

THE last deep mine in the Rhymney Valley, Penallta Colliery near Ystrad finally closed down in 1992.

At the peak of its production it employed 3,000-men from various local communities, and at one time held the European record for coal production, so its closure left a deep scar, not only on the community but on the economy and social aspects of the area.

In 1996, the idea for the transformation of the former coal pit was put forward by the local authority, and as a result, Parc Penallta was formed after 180 hectares of land was transformed into a community park.

Eight walkers joined their leaders, Janet and John at Parc Penallta, where there are plenty of way-marked trails in the park to explore, and a visit to *Sultan* – the pit pony is not to be missed.

Sprawled across the hillside, 200 metres in length and 15 metres high, this is the United Kingdom's largest earth sculpture.

A short walk towards the viewing point led the group past some poems about mining, and sculptures designed by children, and although the weather was overcast, it remained dry and spring flowers were in abundance on the banks.

These included wild violets, celandines, Jack by the Hedge (or garlic mustard) and Dove's-foot Cranesbill, a member of the geranium family.

A steady climb led them to Mynydd Eglwysilan with panoramic views over the Brecon Beacons and Rhymney Valley, before the group headed westwards and stopped for lunch.

A mountain track led them to the Llanfabon Inn, where they joined the Rhymney Valley Ridgeway Walk to reach Nelson and the return back to Parc Penallta.

URBAN WALK

Six walkers met leader Harry Boudier outside Cardiff Central railway station, for a mid-week urban walk that saw them walking alongside the docks feeder canal; and the State East Dock to County Hall on Atlantic Wharf that was opened in 1988.

Walking through Red Dragon, the large leisure, entertainment and dining centre, they rejoined the waterside at Scott Harbour.

Reaching Britannia Quay, the lightship berthed in the Roath Basin was too much temptation to pass and they were beckoned in for late elevenses.

Paying attention to public art works such as Brian Fell's Merchant Navy War Memorial and his wall hangings depicting the cargoes from John Masefield's poem 'Cargoes', the group left Mermaid Quay and went through the Wetlands reserve under the Butetown link bridge and into Hamadryad Park.

All that was left was to cross Clarence Road Bridge above the River Taff and return to Wood Street, via the Taff Embankment pathway.

On May 16, you are invited to catch a train at 9.35am from Cardiff Central arriving at 10.32am at Ebbw Vale station before the 11-mile linear walk (with a steep start, then easy walking) back to Newbridge. Please note the change of leader and contact Keith Donovan on 01495 223 927.

On May 21, the second summer evening walk will leave Wenvoe War Memorial at 7pm for a 4-mile easy/mod walk at Wenvoe and Michaelston; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278. There are no official stops en route, but you may wish to bring a drink with you.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks.

Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. For other groups' walk log onto *www.ramblers.org.uk*

Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

JOY STRANGWARD

ABOVE: The ramblers at Parc Penallta.

Plaid AM calls for Vale spending on the youth services

PLAID Cymru regional AM Chris Franks has urged the Vale council to up their spending on youth services in "these difficult economic times".

He made his appeal after figures obtained by Chris Franks revealed that the Tory controlled council spent just £12.51 per head of its multi-million pound education budget on youth services in 2007-08 against a Welsh average of £16.73. It represented 1.7 per cent of the education budget against a Welsh average of 2.1 per cent.

Mr Franks said: "In these difficult economic times, I accept local authorities, like everyone else, are facing hard choices in how they spend their money.

"However, I really think the Vale council needs to be looking to increase their spending on youth services such as youth clubs and youth workers.

"The Vale council has never given youth services a high priority. Large areas of Barry, Penarth and Dinas Powys are lacking in youth clubs and facilities. Similar size councils invest twice as much as the Vale. Neighbouring local authorities are able to find significantly more than the Vale".

'Scoop the poop' bags handed out by Vale Council

DURING a 'scoop the poop' promotion day organised by the Vale Council's enforcement team, 10,000 free dog mess bags were handed out.

Senior enforcement officer Denny White said: "Plenty of locals stopped to talk and show their support – both dog owners and non dog owners.

"Under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, if your dog fouls in a public place then you must clean up the mess.

"Not being aware, or not having the means to clean it up, do not count as defences under the regulations."

Vale man takes over the chair

VALE Council operational manager for waste management and cleansing, Clifford Parish, has been appointed chairman of the Chartered Institution of the Wastes Management (CIWM) Cymru Wales Centre.

He commented: "I hope to continue to drive forward the sustainable waste management agenda; raising the profile of waste managers and public and private bodies in reducing their ecologic footprint, and moving quickly to more sustainable practices".

Clifford Parish.

Road works report

Dock View Road at its junction with Thompson Street, Barry – ongoing temporary traffic signals, to allow construction work on the adjacent footbridge over the railway line.

It is expected that these signals will remain in place until June 2009.

B4267 Penlan Road, Llandough – intermittent temporary traffic signals in use (off peak only) to allow water mains refurbishment.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Ty Hafan Run, Barry Island, Sunday, May 31 – Station Approach Road (between Breaksea Drive and Friars Road), Friars Road (between Station Approach and Paget Road) and Paget Road (between the un-named road that leads to the sports ground and its cul-d-sac end) will be closed to vehicles between 7.30am-1pm to allow the event to take place.

Victorian Fayre, Saturday, June 20 – various roads in Llantwit Major town centre will be closed between 8am-6pm to allow the event to take place.

Cases in the Vale Magistrates Court

JUDITH ANN THOMAS-LLEWELLYN (40) of Caer Mead Close, Boverton, Llantwit Major, admitted drink driving and failing to stop after an accident in which another vehicle was damaged on April 18.

Magistrates heard that a sample test showed 81 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath.

She was fined £325 and banned from driving for 18 months.

If a rehabilitation course is completed, the ban can be reduced by three months.

REBECCA JACQUELINE RYAN (22) of Kipling Close, Penarth, admitted possessing heroin, a Class A drug, in Cardiff on March 26.

She also admitted failing twice to surrender to the court at the appointed time. She was sent to prison for two months because of her disregard for court orders, and failure to comply with a community order.

MICHAEL LEE BULLOCK (19) of North Walk, Barry, admitted damaging someone's mobile phone on March 28.

He was fined £65, told to pay the victim £50 in compensation and told to pay £60 prosecution costs.

SPENCER JAMES BROWN (25) of Barry Road, Barry, admitted an assault on a woman on March 11, and criminal damage on the same date.

He was given a community order and must complete 150 hours of unpaid work within the next 12 months.

Magistrates ordered him to pay £150 compensation to the victim and £60 in prosecution costs.

WILLIAM HANTON (40) of Tresillian Terrace, Cardiff, admitted stealing four packets of sliced chicken, a bottle of creme bath, a bottle of Chardonnay, a can of Rightguard and six pairs of women's trainer socks from Tesco store in Penarth.

Due to repeated offending, magistrates sent him to prison for seven days.

GERARD JOHN CLOGG (37) of Malborough Close, Cadoxton, Barry, admitted stealing gloves and telecom equipment from a car in the town on November 26 last year.

He was given a two-week prison sentence suspended for 12 months.

Magistrates ordered £100 in compensation for the victim.

CHRISTOPHER CHARLES DOCHERTY (47) of Elizabeth Avenue, Barry, admitted possession of cannabis, a Class B drug, on March 21.

He was fined £50 and the drugs will be destroyed.

craftpoint
The Art & Craft Shop
LAST DAY OF TRADING
MONDAY 18th MAY
Open Every Day 9 - 5pm
Open Sunday 17th May 11 - 3pm
Officepoint 2000
The Stationery Shop
Shop Supplies
Shop Fittings to be Sold
72 Holton Road, Barry
Tel: 01446 421010

• Brabantia • Stellar • Horwood • Judge Vista • Meyer • Circulon • Anolon •
www.1stchoicetrade.co.uk 01446 730884
1st Choice
OPEN: Monday - Saturday 9 am - 5.30 pm; Sunday 10 am - 4 pm
1st TRADE APPLIANCE & COOKWARE CENTRE
Premium quality brands at the lowest possible prices
3A TYNEWYDD ROAD, KING SQUARE, BARRY (opposite new Barry Library)
Factory Refurbished
Cookers, Washing Machines & Fridge Freezers from only £99 All Fully Guaranteed
Two floors with a comprehensive display of appliances and accessories.
Huge range of built-in ovens, hobs, dishwashers, washing machines and fridge freezers, all at unbeatable prices!
OFFER EXTENDED:
HOTPOINT HVF344 WASHING MACHINE
Normally £299.99
ONLY £239.99
Lowest UK Price
Brand New/Boxed
RANGE COOKERS
Gas, Electric, LPG, Dual Fuel.
Stainless Steel/Farmhouse styles.
Like no other store! In stock! Ready to Go!
HUGE SAVINGS OFF HIGH STREET PRICES
● Full repair Service to all appliances
● Up to 5 years manufacturers warranty
UP TO 40% OFF NORMAL RETAIL PRICES
Also a range of kitchen appliances, home cookware, accessories and gift ideas. Experienced sales staff on hand to advise you with your purchases.
Not forgetting our 3,500 sq ft warehouse/showroom at
252 HOLTON ROAD (Bassett End), BARRY
Fast, Efficient Delivery Service – Same/Next Day
LOWEST PRICES AROUND!
WE CONTINUALLY PRICE CHECK TO ENSURE THE BEST DEALS!
WAREHOUSE OPEN: Monday - Saturday 9.00am - 5.30pm
Appointments available at all other times
• PLEASE MENTION THE GEM WHEN RESPONDING TO THIS ADVERT •
• TEG Design • James Martin • Jamie Oliver • Franke • Astracast • LG • LEC •
Gorenje • Neff • Bosch • Indesit • Hoover • Whirlpool • Belling • Stoves • Tricity Bendix
Siemens • Smeg • Hotpoint • Canon • Electrolux • Zanussi • AEG • Liebherr • Miele • Caple

10 years on – a first hand record of how Wales can benefit from devolution

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by Jane Hutt AM
(Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills)

TEN years of action speaks louder than words" our First Minister, Rhodri Morgan AM said in his interviews to review the impact of 10 years of devolution in Wales.

I have also been reflecting on my decade of serving the Vale of Glamorgan as your Assembly Member.

During the past 10 years since the election in May 1999, I have written a column for The GEM every fortnight, so there is quite a history to review!

The First Minister has said that the Welsh Assembly Government "has earned its stripes in an eventful first decade of devolution – and Wales is a better country as a result".

He has highlighted free prescriptions, primary school breakfasts and free swimming as "made in Wales" initiatives which make a real difference to people's everyday lives.

When I was asked recently to name major achievements of the past 10 years, I drew attention to the fact that we have appointed the UK's first Children's Commissioner and our hugely successful concessionary travel scheme – the free bus pass for the over 60s, disabled people and their carers.

The latest figures on bus passes taken up in the Vale show that the number of passes given out to eligible passengers has increased from 10,000 to 23,062 since the scheme was introduced in April 2002.

Linked to the 'transport' theme, there is little doubt that the £17million plus investment in opening up the Vale of Glamorgan railway line with two new stations at Rhoose and Llantwit Major, has had positive benefits in my constituency, with excellent passenger take-up – young people, commuters, families, senior citizens, as well as visitors to the Vale making full use of the service.

The 'learner travel measure', one of our new Welsh laws, has been strengthened by the contribution of the 'Stuart's Campaign' with more opportunities to shape regulations to meet with important objectives.

'Safe Routes to school' investments and 20mph limits have reduced child pedestrian accidents in Wales and there have been a number of successful schemes in the Vale.

Securing extra funding needed for the pioneering Foundation Phase 'Learning Though Play' curriculum is proving its worth, with over 2,000 extra classroom assistants appointed over that past year in Wales and more to come, but most importantly our youngest children are benefiting.

Targeting investment to the most disadvantaged children and families in Wales has also provided an important boost in Gibbonsdown with the extra health visiting, parenting support and free child care for two year olds.

There are other developments and investments, such as £3million plus of Assembly Government money to clear the Butlins site, fund Barry Island Coastal Seawatch centre, re-develop Holton Road and Barry Dock station and Thompson Street footbridge.

The little wins are also important, such as the Assembly funding to re-open the Clive Road Steps at Barry Island as a major breakthrough for local community action.

With the Arts Council of Wales holding their creative awards event and annual conference at the Barry Memorial Hall last month, arts and culture policies have been important.

Our funding of the 'Library for Wales' collection of classics by Welsh authors, edited by Professor Dai Smith is widely acknowledged, as is the support for the 'Beyond the Border Story Telling Festival'.

The 2008 National Year of Reading with Welsh Assembly funding for Barry as a 'reading town' has helped us make full use of our splendid new library and Arts Central.

Weaving the national and local developments over 10 years provides an important opportunity to reflect on the challenges and achievements of ten years of devolution.

Our contribution to lead Wales out of recession is the greatest test of this decade and our economic summits are bearing fruit with our support for businesses and those who have been hit hardest by the global recession.

But there is no question about the future – there is much more to do.

We are on an important journey in meeting the needs of our people, our communities and our economy in Wales.

VALE AM'S SURGERY

VALE of Glamorgan Assembly Member, Jane Hutt, will be holding a constituency surgery on Saturday, May 16, between 10am-11am, at St Brides Major Church Hall, Southerndown Road, St Brides Major; and between 11.30am-12noon at Wick Village Hall. No appointments are necessary.

Operation Synergy carried out in the Vale

THE first major exercise to be launched since the merger of the Vale and Bridgend police divisions saw 39 arrests made across the new 'super division' in a two-day operation from April 30-May 1.

Under the code name Operation Synergy, 100 officers carried out a number of tasks, ranging from executing warrants to high visibility patrols across the region and targeted outstanding suspects and wanted offenders.

On Wednesday, April 29, police in the Vale carried out three drugs warrants, making two arrests for alleged possession of Class A drugs.

Neighbourhood Policing Teams also carried out high visibility public reassurance patrols. During the day, eight checks were completed to ensure that people were complying with their bail conditions. There was one breach reported which resulted in an arrest.

There were 12 further arrests made in the Vale during the first day of the operation. These were for a variety of offences, ranging from providing a positive breath test, to breach of the peace, thefts, burglaries and drugs offences.

During the second day of the operation, the emphasis was on public reassurance, with increased patrols across the whole of the division.

In the Vale, one vehicle was seized for no insurance, 100 leaflets were delivered by NPT officers in areas where auto-crime has been particularly high, and speed checks were also carried out which resulted in two fixed penalty notices for speeding being issued.

In tandem with this operation, police in the Vale also mounted a truancy exercise - Operation Wildchild, when 10 'stop and account forms' were completed. Four of those stopped were truants. They were returned to their schools and anti social behaviour referrals were issued. A further ASB referral was issued the following day.

Acting Chief Inspector Jim Hall, who led the operation with Acting Chief Inspector Jay Winslade-Gregory, said: "Operation Synergy is the first of many such initiatives which will be carried out by officers from across the new division.

"As well as developing a united team across the division, we will be focused on making the area an unwelcome place for criminals and offenders to operate.

They will always have to look over their shoulder as we become increasingly vigilant to ensure we keep the Vale (and Bridgend) a safe place for people to live, work and visit."

UP TO £2500** OF FREE FURNITURE AND TILES WITH YOUR NEW CONSERVATORY

We love **BIG IDEAS** and helping to make them a reality is something we've been expert at for over a 100 years. Choose from our unrivalled range of conservatories and we'll give you **FREE** furniture and tiles for **ONLY £100 DEPOSIT*** with the **LEEKES 5.9% PREMIER FINANCE PLAN**.

Call 0800 970 9162 or visit leekes.co.uk/bigideas and tell us your BIG IDEA - TODAY!

Ask a Sales Consultant about our 360° Complete Service
▶ CHOICE ▶ DESIGN ▶ PLANNING
▶ INSTALLATION ▶ 10 YEAR GUARANTEE

5.9% APR TYPICAL

*Finance is subject to status, conditions apply. Personal loan amount £3000 - £25,000. Repayment terms from 3 years. Only £100 deposit.
**Conditions apply - see in store for full details.

Llantrisant & Caerphilly Garden Centre
Tel: 0845 050 8240
leekes.co.uk

Leekes You're home

ROCK I.T. YOUR FAST & FRIENDLY IT SPECIALISTS

YOUR FAST AND FRIENDLY IT SPECIALISTS FOR HOME AND BUSINESS

Computer Repairs, Installations & Upgrades, Computer Products, Tuition, Security, Internet

- FREE HEALTH CHECK
- QUICK CALL OUT
- ONSITE
- PROFESSIONAL
- RELIABLE
- JARGON FREE
- PERSONAL
- AFFORDABLE
- NO CALLOUT FEE
- NO-FIX-NO-FEE
- FIXED UPFRONT PRICING

CALL 01656 767 222
WWW.ROCKITSPECIALISTS.COM

1st Floor, 2 Waterton Park
Bridgend, CF31 3PH

South Wales farmers show their competitive streak

YOUNG farmers from south Wales descended on Pencoed College for a competition day on Saturday.

Among the contests were best floral display, finest cook, best photographer, best gardener, best construction of a chicken coop, best singer, and a fancy dress section – 'one dame and her dog'!

Photos by MANDY THOMAS
(Available for purchase, telephone 07974 518347)
www.mandythomasphotography.co.uk

St Athan Golf Club duo celebrate two holes-in-one!

RAF St Athan Golf Club is well into its golfing season and the Sunday men's competitions are proving once again to be tremendously popular.

These competitions are done on a weekly draw basis and any junior with a handicap of 18 or under also has the privilege of competing.

May 3 saw the members playing the monthly medal and the 170-yard 6th hole was the most popular on the day for two of the players.

Stan Morris had his first ever 'hole-in-one' with a 4 iron, guaranteeing the traditional free drink in the clubhouse for fellow competitors.

RAF St Athan is a very sociable club and the gents particularly enjoy their ale! Brian Asbury ensured that glasses could be refilled by managing to get the second 'hole-in-one' with a 6 iron.

All players on the day would like to congratulate Stan and Brian and look forward to many more 'holes-in-one'!

Latest results: April monthly medal/Dan Archer Qualifier: **1st** JWG Morgan 64 net; **2nd** P Rees 69 net; **3rd** SP Dawes 70 net.

Welsh Team Qualifier: **1st** N Waters 45 pts (OCB); **2nd** SW Morris 45 pts; **3rd** JWG Morgan 38 pts (OCB).

Fairwood Park Qualifier: **1st** THJ Punter/MC Clark 61 (OCB); **2nd** R Davidge/BM Lacey 61.

Douglas Bader Qualifier: **1st** M Hurry/L Hurry 39 pts (OCB); **2nd** S Hopkins/S Hopkins 39 pts.

Secretary's Putter: **1st** GW Hughes 42 pts; **2nd** S Thomas 41 pts; **3rd** M Edwards 38 pts (OCB).

May monthly medal: **1st** S Thomas 69 net; **2nd** C Bacon 70 net; **3rd** GD Thomas 71 pts.

CM

LEFT: The drinks were on Stan and Brian!

ALTERNATIVE SEVERN BARRAGE SCHEME COULD OVERCOME LOCAL OBJECTIONS

by PHILIP IRWIN

AN alternative Severn Barrage is being put forward – one that will not involve any road and railway construction on either side of the Bristol Channel.

Although this project is not currently among the options being looked at by the Assembly, the man behind the plan says that he already has serious financial institutions interested in backing it, and can step in if politicians shy away from the proposed Severn Barrage.

Gareth Woodham, of the Severn Lake Company Limited, envisages a concrete causeway, 12.2 km long from Lavernock Point (Fort Road) in Wales to Brean Down (National Trust) in Somerset, England.

The existing proposals are for a concrete wall carrying turbines with a road and railway above. This means that at Sully, and on the other side of the Channel, there would be huge infrastructure projects that would need to be built.

Mr Woodham told The GEM: "The Severn Lake Causeway does not propose to run ashore at either side. It will be fully autonomous in every utility and will not have a roadway between Wales and England.

"The proposal goes further in providing a whole ribbon development within the lake that it will create.".

This scheme envisages the construction of turbine galleries holding 192 turbines that will capture the tide on ebb and on flow, computer-controlled for tidal and lake height control, all designed to generate the maximum energy production.

Because electricity would be generated on both ebb and flow, the power output would be higher.

Mr Woodham says that the minimum life design will be 100 years. The ambitious project includes fish passes with viewing points, and underground marine life viewing cafes.

The Causeway will also contain within its width two free-flow shipping channels able to sustain 250,000 dwt shipping. These locks will allow the unhindered passage of shipping at all available times.

To provide a clear channel for commercial shipping and to control leisure craft, islands would be moored in place, to be used as to their market needs and value.

Mr Woodham says that many extra features can be added to the causeway. He said: "Provision can be made for the addition of underground cellars that would contain organic waste.

"Made of reinforced concrete, these cellars will hold approximately 90,000 tons (each) of robotically controlled organic waste. These will provide methane gas to be burned to provide an extra electricity supply source."

With local public opposition a major factor when it comes to siting waste treatment works, Mr Woodham sees this as a green option that would add to the overall environmental benefits of the scheme.

The decomposed waste can be pelleted, and the cellars refilled. Mr Woodham claims it is possible that the facility can provide the "whole of the organic waste fill site requirement for south Wales and the south-west, in a continuing process.

Another 'green' spin-off would see off-shore wind farms close to the causeway, well away from land-based objectors, with the wind farms acting as a wind-break for the causeway.

He said: "The causeway grid provides a convenient and cost effective conduit for such a scheme, and would be managed by the Severn Lake Company."

There would be a tourism spin-off too, with four marinas created, two along each shoreline. These would provide safe berthing for boats, yachts and water sports using the lake.

The Severn Lake Company would also provide a lifeboat station.

Further options based around the causeway include "private islands" to be used as luxury living accommodation, "sponsored islands" which can provide habitat for wildlife and birds, and fishing and diving islands with temporary accommodation.

Mr Woodham said: "The company would look to promote tourism and provide free electricity and / or gas to all lake transport suitably equipped. (This would include Cardiff Bay, Newport, Gloucester, Bristol, Portishead and Weston-Super-Mare)."

The Causeway would contain ports on both sections to initially deal with construction and latterly to accept waste and the utility and service of the causeway itself.

The causeway would have its own water supply through its own desalination plant.

The extremities of the causeway, with allowances for fish passes would be designed landscaped in consultation with the local authorities in Wales and the National Trust in Somerset.

Mr Woodham said: "The building of the causeway would provide a huge new environment more suited to life on a live lake.

"The French at Le Rance, and with hydro schemes we have looked at in Avignon, and others, have led the way and will provide copy-cat systems of fish pass, level control and upper erosion protection.

"The Severn Lake Company intend to manage thelLake to encourage sustainable dish stocks and varied aquatic life, and will look to work with the RSPB to provide some of the compensatory habitat described as a condition by the Sustainable Development Commission."

In the planning process, the Severn Lake Company will argue that the provision of renewable power is in the national interest.

Mr Woodham insisted that the actual building of the causeway described has no particular engineering hurdles. It is likely that in the design, certain sections can be installed and working before others.

He added that exact details of this are subject to commercial confidentiality. He said that it as estimated that between four and six yards in the UK and Netherlands could build the cellars.

Employment at its height could be some 30,000, over some five to seven years.

Mr Woodham admitted: "The most difficult part of the project is the politics and the planning and consent procedures.

"With the introduction of this 'whole' development and given the increases in the returns for energy, and waste disposal, the viability of the project will be shown to be attractive to medium and long term investors".

Although the project will save money by doing away with the need for massive construction projects at Sully and Brean Down, the extra afeatures associated with this scheme means that it will not be any cheaper than the existing Severn Barrage proposal.

Further information on The Severn Lake project can be obtained from www.severnlake.co.uk

MAESTEG ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY

Kittens, young and older cats – All needing a new family!

All cats have been neutered and microchipped

Tel: (01656) 721496

All our work is funded by Charity Shops. We sell bric-a-brac, books, clothes and all items of furniture and we can collect.

Tel: 01656 737827 or 01656 653456

www.maesteganimalrescue.co.uk

Anybody who wants clothes collecting, please contact the above telephone numbers

Stamp winners

THE winners of our recent competition were:

Mr R Crockett, Barry Island; Mr Close, Barry; Mrs Davies, Rhoose; Rachel Frizell, Porthcawl; Nadine Adams, Dinas Powys; Mrs M Lacey, Barry; Mari Hughes Ely; Suzanne Rees, Bridgend; Arthur Robins, Cowbridge; JD Price, Bridgend; Mr G Williams, Llanblethian; Kathy Edwards, Dinas Powys; Shan Llewellyn, Coychurch; A Evans, Cowbridge; Jeffrey Pascoe, Pontyclun; Mrs Turner, Llantwit Major; Taing Phillips, Llanharan; Mrs Banks, St Athan; Ms SE Ware, East Aberthaw; Theresa Thomas, Barry.

CITROEN C3 PICASSO 1.6 HDi VTR FROM £495 INITIAL PAYMENT

www.citroen.co.uk

Motability

Worry-free means everything is included

Use your mobility allowance
Breakdown recovery
Road tax and insurance
Servicing and maintenance
60,000 mileage allowance
Specialist advice

CRÉATIVE TECHNOLOGIE

CITROËN

OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT FUEL CONSUMPTION FIGURES - URBAN 51.4, EXTRA URBAN 68.9, COMBINED 61.4

Not sure if you qualify for a Motability car? Call 0800 953 4002

BASSETTS - BRIDGEND 01656 649009

SOUTH ROAD, BRIDGEND INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, BRIDGEND, MID GLAMORGAN, CF31 3UL

www.bassettsbridgend.citroen.co.uk

WE LOVE BIG IDEAS

My BIG IDEA is a gorgeous bedroom that's stylish and comfortable

10% BACK IN STORE VOUCHERS WITH YOUR NEW FURNITURE**

We love **BIG IDEAS** and helping to make them a reality is something we've been expert at for over a 100 years. Choose from thousands of lounge, dining, bed and bedroom furniture models and we'll give you **10% BACK IN STORE VOUCHERS**, plus there's up to **THREE YEARS INTEREST FREE CREDIT*** - with absolutely **NO DEPOSIT TO PAY!**

Call 0800 970 9162 or visit leekes.co.uk/bigideas and tell us your BIG IDEA - TODAY!

PRICE PROMISE — And with the Leekes Price Promise we guarantee that you won't be able to buy cheaper anywhere else.**

Llantrisant
Tel: 0845 050 8240
leekes.co.uk

Leekes You're home

0% APR TYPICAL

*Interest free credit is subject to status, conditions apply. Minimum spend £200 on selected departments. **Conditions apply - see in store for full details.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan lottery draw number 565.

● **£2000:** 186021. ● **£500:** 256753. ● **£100:** 779418. ● **£50:** 230161.● **£10:** 704457, 783798, 645852, 314184, 693721, 772505, 626700, 732988, 197400, 143079, 432425, 623773, 423458, 536375, 474527, 291882, 265674, 599540, 488877, 441821.

● **£5:** 699379, 830025, 125317, 841639, 645967, 543373, 253985, 673096, 128731, 110476, 236157, 294018, 508229, 675151, 242850, 313227, 130674, 199912, 249486, 283045, 220475, 651391, 512580, 400128, 229328, 187488, 259530, 106751, 178703, 806878.

The GEM cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions contained in the above.

For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

ROW, ROW, ROW, for the Ty Dyfan residential home

ABOVE: The Prince's Trust Team rowing at Barry Leisure Centre and taking Ty Dyfan residents to St Fagans for a day out.

MEMBERS from Barry College's work based training agency the Vale of Glamorgan Training Association (VGTA) raised more than £500 for Ty Dyfan residential home in a sponsored row.

A spokesman reported: "The VGTA Prince's Trust team rowed for five hours on rowing machines at Barry leisure centre and covered 67,600 metres – the equivalent of rowing from Dover to Calais and back again.

"They raised slightly more than £500, which was used to take residents from Ty Dyfan out bowling, for a pub lunch and a trip to St Fagans National History Museum. The team also spent two days in the centre entertaining residents with bingo, quizzes and sing-alongs".

The charity event was organised as part of the Prince's Trust 'Team Challenge' - one of a series of events during the 12 week team programme delivered in the Vale by VGTA, which also includes a week's residential course where learners get involved in various outdoor pursuits such as rock climbing, coasteering and abseiling.

Greener, healthier lifestyle

BRYNMOR EVANS from the Bridgend Veggie Info Centre will be available at SUSSED, 92 John Street, Porthcawl, from 2pm-4pm, on May 18; 3pm-5pm, May 19 and 10am-12noon on May 22, to talk to people interested in greener, healthier lifestyle.

SUSSED will be offering 10 per cent off all Vegetarian Society and Vegan Society-approved products. Free vegetarian recipes will also be available.

'Cuppa with a copper'

PENCOED Neighbourhood Policing Team offer a 'cuppa with a copper' at Pencoed Welfare Hall, 1pm-3pm, on Tuesday, June 1. All welcome.

CHRIS FRANKS AM

Plaid Cymru Assembly Member

Central Wales Central

Plaid Cymru

ADVICE SURGERY

WHEN: Friday 15th May

WHERE: Murchfield Community Centre

Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys

TIME: 4.00pm—5.00pm

TAX HELP

THE Inland Revenue tax help desks will be at the Healthy Eating Shop, Age Concern, Holton Road, Barry (10am-12pm) and Room 2 ground floor, Council Offices, West House, Penarth (1pm-3pm) on May 21.

For further information contact Julie John, Cardiff Tax Enquiry Centre, Ty-Glas, Llanishen, Cardiff, CF14 5FN on 02920 326506 (fax 02920 689133).

CAN YOU HELP BOW OR PATCH TO FIND A NEW CARING HOME?

The GEM has joined forces with the Dog's Trust to find caring new owners for animals at its Bridgend Rehoming Centre (Telephone: 01656 725219)

THIS WEEK: *Bow and Patch.* Bow is an eight-year-old Staffordshire Bull Terrier.

He is a really sweet dog with a lovely nature, who sadly found himself with us after his owner passed away.

"He enjoys his walks and having a run in the field before going back and chilling out in his comfy bed!

"He's housetrained and good on the lead and is very friendly and playful. He is suitable with children aged six years and over. He's never lived with another dog, so is best suited as the only dog in the home."

If you would like more information on Bow, Patch or any of the other dogs who are looking for a good home, you can visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend or telephone 01656 725219. (Bow and some of his friends are on the website at www.dogstrust.org.uk, (click on Rehoming).

ABOVE: "I'm Bow"

PATCH is a sweet little lad, who can be a little worried and sensitive at times.

He will benefit from further socialising to increase his confidence, because once he comes out of himself he's a lot of fun and enjoys running around the field with his canine friends.

He's a young dog, so he will need plenty of exercise to prevent him from getting bored and he will enjoy some basic training.

He's had an unsettled life so far and will thank someone who can welcome him into a home, and give him time to settle in.

He'll suit someone who has owned terriers before. He can live with children aged eight years and over. We don't know what he's like around cats but he gets on well with other dogs!

ABOVE: 'Sweet' Patch is the sensitive type.

Sofas - Beds - Dining Sets - Coffee Tables - Wardrobes - Mattresses - Divan Beds - Lamps - Mirrors

INTEREST FREE CREDIT AVAILABLE

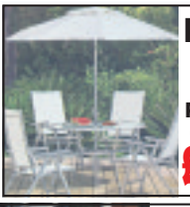
Phillip Saunders

● ALL GOODS GUARANTEED

● DELIVERY CAN BE ARRANGED

*FLYMO 350 LAWN MOWER £29.99

3-Seater SWING HAMMOCK Only £49.99



PATIO SET Table, Parasol & 4 Chairs £49.99

Gazebo £9.99

8ft Pool, Solar Cover, Maintenance Kit, and Electric Pump all for only £29.99

6-Seater Spa Ready to use only £299

Bistro Set £29.99

CONSERVATORY FURNITURE 2 Seater & 2 Chairs £299

OVER £1 MILLION WORTH OF CLEARANCE STOCK AVAILABLE FROM RETAILERS INCLUDING DUNELM DREAMS & WOOLWORTHS

HUGE RANGE OF SOFAS ON DISPLAY from ONLY £199 for a 3-seater & a 2-seater

DINING SETS from £49.99

Huge New Range of Jali Furniture from £44.99

Huge Selection of Rugs from £2.99

Double Sofa Beds from £299

Set of 4 Cases Samsonite £49.99

Mobility Scooter Normally £599 Now Only £299

I believe we offer the best selection and prices in the country on 1000's of lines – Please come and judge for yourself and be amazed

PALMERSVALE BUSINESS CENTRE, BARRY CF63 2XA (opposite Waitrose) Tel. 01446 421100

Also at Gellihirion Industrial Estate,CF37 5SX (Only 10 minutes from Culverhouse!)

OPENING HOURS: Monday - Saturday 9.30 am - 5 pm; Sunday 9.30 am - 4 pm

All products subject to availability and VAT only

* These products are graded.

Pictures for illustration purposes

or visit us at: www.phillipsaunderscashandcarry.co.uk

Washing Machines - Tumble Dryers - TV's - Storage Solutions - Bedding - Quilts - Blinds - Rugs

Tumble Dryers - TV's - Storage Solutions - Bedding - Quilts - Blinds - Rugs

THE COLUMN YOU WRITE

Readers' Letters

We reserve the right to edit all letters. We do NOT accept anonymous mail. Letters should include an address and contact telephone number. An email address alone is not sufficient. We will (in certain circumstances), protect a writer's identity, if requested. Please keep your letters brief and address them to: The Editor, Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL.

'Council standards have reached rock bottom'

I SERVED on Llantwit Major Town Council in 1974 when the first mayor of the town was elected and in those days, despite many members having a political allegiance, members took their turn to receive the honour of being elected mayor for the town.

All members recognised a respect for each other and supported the member whose turn it was to be elected.

Alas, this is a distant memory, for the standards of Llantwit Major Town Council have now reached rock bottom, as the actions taken at last week's annual meeting demonstrated.

The Tory Party of today leaves much to be desired as they lack the standards of those of years ago. Today, they are political fanatics and carry little respect for others.

Unable to find a candidate from their own group, they decided to nominate Coun Russell Downe, a former member of the Labour Party, to be mayor of Llantwit Major once again, having been mayor in 2006/07.

Coun Ann Matthews has been the deputy mayor for the past year and should have been elected as mayor for this year. Coun Matthews carried out her duties as asked of her during the last year.

Last September, Coun Matthews was called upon to represent the council in a twinning visit to Le Pouliguen when the mayor, Coun Molly Lane was on holiday.

In addition to this, Coun Matthews represented the mayor on other occasions when required to do so.

Of course, I have previous experience of Tory tricks in the Vale of Glamorgan Council, and they have pulled this stunt before by pushing one of their own into the driving seat in front of the rightful person for the position of mayor.

Everyone, who wishes to receive the honour of being elected mayor should be given the opportunity, but not in the eyes of the Tories.

I am sure the residents of Llantwit Major will respond to this. I certainly will. The general election is not far away and I am sure that Alun Cairns, the Tory candidate, will suffer as a result of the actions by those in Llantwit Major.

Remember 2004, when the Tories lost three seats in the Vale elections? Lightning does strike twice and I will see that it does.

Coun Gwyn John,
Llantwit Major

(See news story on page 1)

'GRATEFUL THANKS TO MY BARRY MILKMATES'

THROUGH your newspaper, I would like to thank the 'Barry Milkmates' breastfeeding support group for their help and support.

When I had my first son in 2005, I had no family in the area or friends with young children, so I went along to the group not knowing what to expect.

Over three years later, I am still very good friends with several women I met there.

The support of one's peers at this time of life is invaluable.

We helped each other through the highs and lows of feeding, teething, illnesses, injections, weaning, potty-training, tantrums and new babies.

I attended the breastfeeding group again with my second baby and my elder son was made very welcome too. There is a separate room with toddler toys for the older children to play in.

The volunteers who run the group are trained, but are also mums who breastfed. A lovely health-visitor also attends to give professional advice, and I found she always had time to listen and advise, even when the problem may seem trivial.

New mums, and society in general, often underestimate the importance and the difficulty of breastfeeding. It can be very tiring, awkward, painful and emotional.

It is still slightly taboo to feed in public in this country, despite breastmilk being far superior to formula.

However, it is the best possible start you can give your baby and the bond that you form with your child is inimitable. Mothers who choose to breastfeed deserve to be applauded and encouraged, which is why the work of Barry Milkmates is so worthwhile.

The group meets every Thursday, between 1pm-3pm, at St David's Methodist church.

(Name and address supplied)

'Enforce beach ban on dogs'

THERE has been a lot of publicity lately about dogs on Barry beaches; yes, it is a pity that dogs have to be banned from the beaches but do your readers understand why this has to be done?

It's not because of the dogs – it's the owners who should look to their own behaviour. I am a regular (responsible) dog owner, daily using Barry Island and Friar's Point to exercise my dog.

Not a day goes by when I don't have to offer owners a bag to 'Pick it up', or tell people that the beach is banned for dogs. When asking, I am very polite and I try to use the utmost diplomacy. Many people accept the bags and do the job, but others are extremely rude and abusive.

It's true it's not my responsibility, but where are the people who are responsible for enforcing the bans?

I read in your publication on May 7 a notice from the Vale Council reminding residents that dogs are banned from the beaches. Also, that fines of £500 would be imposed if owners are caught allowing dogs on the beach.

This has been in operation for a few years now, and I would respectfully ask just how many people have been fined under this ban?

Also a fine of up to £1,000 is in operation for fouling of certain areas. How many have been fined ?

Never mind the notice reminding people of the bans imposed – the time has come to enforce them. *Come on council, let's have some action!*

Mrs DM Davies, Barry

Leicester's Restaurant

The Great House Hotel ***

Laleston, Bridgend CF32 0HP

2 ■■ AA Rosettes

WE ARE CHANGING

Our award winning team at the Great House have created a new, reasonably priced menu to fit the current economic climate!

Main Meals between
£7.95 - £14.95

Still with our fantastic local fresh produce

Lunchtime Special
2 courses - £8.95

Early Bird Dinner Special
2 courses - £14.95

GREAT SERVICE, GREAT FOOD, GREAT PRICE

Tel: 01656 657644 • www.great-house-laleston.co.uk

Morrisons Barry

Come and enjoy your bright new-look café

From fairtrade coffee to freshly prepared British classics

Your new-look café at Morrisons Barry will leave you spoilt for choice. A selection of traditional British favourites like beef-in-ale with dumplings, liver & onions or lamb shank, not forgetting our Famous Big Breakfast. Or if you need a bit more spice how about our new lentil and spinach burger or our chicken tikka masala? All cooked to order and served at your table.

That's what makes Morrisons different.

Morrisons Famous Fish & Chips

Liver & Onions

Morrisons Famous Big Breakfast

Our teatime specials

(Monday-Saturday from 4.30pm)

Our Teatime Specials menu offers you a free drink* with every main course or 2 main courses and 2 drinks* for just £7.50. This menu includes favourites like fish or scampi and chips and a range of curries, or if it's only a snack you fancy how about 2 jackets and 2 drinks* for £4.50?

Come and see for yourself!

Retail Week AWARDS 2008 · Retail Week AWARDS 2009
Retailer of the year 2 years running

You'll find your Morrisons at:
Penny Way,
Barry CF63 4BA
Tel: 01446 740193
or visit www.morrisons.co.uk

MORRISONS

Subject to availability. *Any hot or medium fizzy drinks, excluding bottles. w/c 11/05/09

Homes & Gardens

DINAS WINDOWS
WE WILL NOT BE BEATEN ON PRICE!
ON ANY LIKE FOR LIKE QUOTE
CALL US FOR A FREE NO OBLIGATION QUOTE (Terms and Conditions will apply)
•Composite doors
•Porches
•Conservatories
•Bi-Fold Doors
•Windows
•Facias & Gutters
FENSA
Dinas Windows
Unit 16
Tyverlon Est
Cardiff Road
Barry
Telephone 01446 749055
Freefone 0800 0260587 - 24hrs
Fensa Reg. 14824
www.dinaswindows.co.uk

Home improvement company MPN accepted by standards group

LOCAL home improvement company MPN uPVC Windows, Doors and Conservatories has been accepted as a member of the respected trade organisation Network VEKA.

MPN is a family-run business, made up of a husband, wife and son team.

The company had to go through rigorous vetting before being accepted as a member.

Managing director Paul Webster explained that this is only the beginning of the scrutiny they must now undergo:

"The whole principle of network VEKA is the standard of quality and integrity that it sets for its members.

"The organisation will not only run a regular audit of factors such as our staff training and use of guarantees, but it will actually survey every one of our future customers to monitor how good a job we have done.

"It's a tough regime but we are sure we are up to it."

MPN Windows is now in its 15th year, designing and installing windows and conservatories for householders throughout Maesteg, Neath, Port Talbot and the whole of south Wales.

Network VEKA represents more than 140 independent window and conservatory companies all over Britain and Ireland. This year, members will carry out more than 16,000 installations to the value of over £65 million.

MPN Windows, your local Network VEKA member is recommended by Steve Davis.
DOORS FROM £395 FITTED
WINDOWS FROM £295 FITTED
CONSERVATORIES FROM £3995 FITTED
FRENCH DOORS FROM £795 FITTED
APPROVED MEMBER Network VEKA
ALL NETWORK VEKA PRODUCTS COME WITH A 10-YEAR GUARANTEE.
MPN UPVC WINDOWS & DOORS
FREEPHONE 0800 8030821
www.mpnwindows.co.uk
www.mpnupvc.networkveka.co.uk
Email: mpnwindows@aol.com
FENSA
Network VEKA - Reliable in the extreme

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE IN OUR NEXT HOMES AND GARDENS FEATURE, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT ON 01446 774484

KEEP CLEAN CARPETS
- Professional carpet cleaning services.
- 20 years experience.
- Specialist stain removal
- 99% stains removed
FREE ESTIMATES
07814 504616
01446 773085

All joinery products made the way you want them...
- Doors
- Windows
- Kitchens
- Bedrooms
- Mouldings
- Hand-made Furniture
Fully insured for your peace of mind
GLYNN SEWELL JOINERY LTD
With over 15 years experience, we have furnished many houses, hotels, hospitals and schools with excellent fixtures, fittings and fitted mouldings. No project is too big or small and all items are individually custom made. You can confidently rely on us to deliver a first class product with a price to match.
01446 421112
07813 840926/07973 530073
e-mail: info@gsjoinery.net

SALE
DOUBLE SAVINGS ON SALE PRICES
ACROSS ALL DEPARTMENTS
WHERE YOU SEE SALE
Gplan • Stressless • Duresta • Steed • Peter Guild
Wade • Bouyant • Alstons • Baker • Corndell
Willis & Gambier • Hypnos • Relyon • Myers
Sealy • Brintons • Axminster Adams
...and many more
Up to 3 years Interest Free Credit*
NOW ON!
GEORGE STREET FURNISHERS
Furniture • Carpets • Beds • Bathrooms
NEWPORT 01633 214241
19-24 George Street, Newport, NP20 1EN (Just off George St Bridge on A48)
Mon/Thurs 9.00am-8.00pm • Tues/Wed/Fri/Sat 9.00am-5.30pm • Sun 11.00am-5.00pm
CARDIFF 02920 49 27 27
374 Newport Road, Cardiff, CF23 9AE (Next to the Range)
Mon/Wed 9.30am-7.00pm • Tues/Thurs/Fri/Sat 9.30-6.00pm • Sun 10.30am-4.30pm
www.georgestreet.co.uk
*Selected lines only. ** Subject to status, details in store. • Images are for illustration only

Homes & Gardens

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR GARDEN IS SECURE

WITH longer daylight hours and warmer weather, the Safer Vale Partnership is running a month long operation throughout May aimed at reducing shed burglaries and advising the public on improving the security of their sheds and gardens.

Known as Operation Target, it has been backed by the Safer Vale Partnership which has provided 450 shed alarms which will be distributed to victims of shed burglaries.

Anyone who is unfortunate enough to become the victim of a shed burglary will be visited by their local PCSO, who will be able to provide specific advice regarding preventing garden crime.

Coun Paul Church, chairman of the Safer Vale Partnership said: "The Safer Vale Partnership is committed to reducing crime and reducing the fear of crime. Operation Target has been put in place to help prevent the community from being a victim of crime."

Vale of Glamorgan Crime Prevention officer, PC Dick Collins, said: "With lighter nights and the desire to be outside more, people start to enjoy new activities particularly in the garden without thought for any crime opportunities that they are creating.

"If someone can get into your garden easily without attracting suspicion, it gives them more time to steal from you. Are your fences and gates in good repair? Do you have security lighting? Do you leave things outside all year which could be removed easily or used to break into your house? Secure them in position or fill with heavy gravel to prevent easy carrying.

"Are there overgrown areas where someone could hide? Cut them back so you can see what's going on. Ideally, shrubs should be below one metre and trees cropped to a height of three metres in areas near buildings where people could otherwise hide.

"Gravel on paths and driveways can alert you to someone approaching so intruders will not be so keen. Prickly plants and trellis can provide extra protection from the intruder," said PC Collins.

"Without realising it, you probably have a lot of valuable property in your sheds and outbuildings and you don't pay as much attention to security as you should. Power tools, lawnmowers, cycles and golf clubs for example are all expensive to replace and attractive to thieves.

"Shed doors are notoriously easy to get into, so strengthen the door and frame if you can. Outside door hinges should be secured with coach bolts or non-return screws. Use strong pad-bars and close shackle padlocks. Five lever mortise locks are the best on normal solid doors.

"You should also check windows. Is the glass cracked but you haven't got round to replacing it? You could use Perspex or polycarbonate sheet if well fixed.

"Use a window lock on opening windows and a strong grille or heavy wire mesh. Consider using net curtains to deter casual viewing."

UNBEATABLE SUMMER OFFER
65% OFF 10 OF OUR MOST POPULAR KITCHENS
(includes door replacements)
50% off remaining kitchen designs, bathrooms and bedrooms
Family company, no contract labour used. Free design, full installation service.
Tiling, electrics, gas, plumbing.
JR's Interior Designs Ltd
01446 774463/01446 748800
07886 978271

Timberaway
Garden and Tree Services
(NPTC)
Qualified Tree Surgeon
Fully Insured
All types of garden and tree work undertaken.
Competitive prices which include Waste removal
Martin Robson awaits your call!
01446 402848
07739 389578

MEADOWVALE NURSERY
Llantwit Major Road, Llantwit Major CF61 2YS
"THE PLACE FOR PLANTS"
We stock a large selection of Plugs, Perennials, Shrubs, Summer Bedding, Hanging Baskets, Vegetable Plants
Visit us for quality plants and helpful advice
Open to the Public and Trade
Tel. 01446 794905
Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm
Sunday 2pm - 5pm
(Open Bank Holidays)

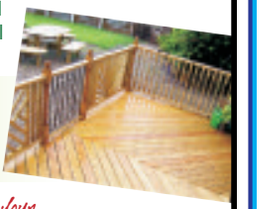
Ready Mix Concrete delivered by conveyor... where you need it, when you need it
NEW free flowing & self placing concrete available... a product of world beating Lafarge technology and expertise

Plants at: Newport, Taffs Well, Bridgend, Briton Ferry
EXPERT TECHNICAL ADVICE FOR TRADE & DIY
☑ Quality Assured ☑ 6m for larger Pours
☑ Prompt deliveries ☑ Floor Screeds/Liquid Screed
☑ Truck Sizes - 4.5m for smaller jobs ☑ Suppliers to Trade & DIY
Maestro
MINIMIX Concrete
CARDIFF 02920 810526
www.minimixconcrete.co.uk
Viaduct Road, Gwaelod-y-Garth, Cardiff

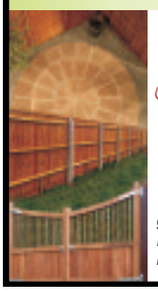
BADGERS
LANDSCAPE & GARDEN DESIGN CENTRE LTD
Together we can create an outdoor living space designed to suit your lifestyle.
•UNIQUE INDOOR SHOWROOM
•GARDEN DESIGN STUDIO
•AWARD WINNING DESIGN TEAM
•IN HOUSE BUILD TEAM

Product range
•Bradstone & Marshalls Patio Products
•Timber Fencing Products
•Garden Lighting
•Verde Artificial Grass
•Garden Buildings
•Hot Tubs & Spars
Services
•Full Garden Design Service
•Full Building Service
•Decking & Fencing
•Driveways & Patios
•Bespoke Metal Ballustrails
To make an appointment for a FREE consultation
Telephone 01656 750931
or visit our showroom at
Heol Ffaldau, Brackla Industrial Estate, Bridgend CF31 2AJ
enquiries@badgerslandscape.co.uk
Covering Bridgend, Cowbridge & The Vale of Glamorgan

FOREST PRODUCTS LTD
Est. 1927 - More than 80 successful years of Trading
Major manufacturer and stockist of all domestic, equestrian and agricultural fencing and gates
Full range of top quality decking and accessories from stock



Make the most of your garden this Summer
Repair your fence, landscape your garden, build that deck or slab that patio.
Visit us for all your garden needs. New reduced prices in branch now!
Opening hours
Mon - Fri 8.00am - 5.00pm
Sat 9.00am - 12.00noon
Closed Bank Holiday Monday
Crossways Estate
Llantwit Major Rd
Cowbridge, Glam
CF71 7LJ
Tel: 01446 773399
visit our website at www.forest-products.co.uk



NEW COMPOSITE DOORS - *NEW* BI-FOLD DOORS - GUTTERING - PORCHES
CONSERVATORIES - SOFFITS - FASCIAS - GUTTERING - PORCHES - WINDOWS - DOORS
CREATIVE WINDOW & BUILD SOLUTIONS LTD
SPECIALIST INSTALLERS & SUPPLIERS
The Vale's Leading Suppliers and Installers of Innovative Energy Efficient Windows , Doors and Conservatories
MORE THAN JUST A WINDOW COMPANY

OPEN DAYS
FANTASTIC DEALS, EXCLUSIVE OFFERS FOR 3 DAYS ONLY!
THIS FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY 15th, 16th, 17th MAY, 2009
Thinking of a re-vamp around the home?

* FREE – WIRELESS LAPTOP *
WITH EVERY FULL HOUSE REPLACEMENT OR CONSERVATORY THROUGHOUT 2009!
CALL NOW ON 01446 746353 for a quotation
Unit 7 Priority Workshops, Ty Verlon Industrial Estate, Barry
Email: info@creativeupvc.com • Web: www.creativewbs.com/blog
*Terms and conditions apply
FENSA Registered Company
NEW COMPOSITE DOORS - *NEW* BI-FOLD DOORS - GUTTERING - PORCHES

StyleGardens
WIDE RANGE OF QUALITY GARDEN FURNITURE, PICNIC TABLES, LOUNGERS AND SWING SEAT HAMMOCKS

5ft Hardwood Benches £149
BASKET & BEDDING PLANTS
9cm Pot £1.49 each or 10 for £12
BEDDING PLANTS
£1.50 a strip or 5 strips for £6
FREE cup of tea or filter coffee with this advert
Valid until end of May 09 - No Photocopies
PORT ROAD, WENVOE, CARDIFF
Tel. 029 2059 8118
www.stylegardens.co.uk

CROWDS

Tremendous! Buying Fast!

LAST 10 DAYS!

Thur. 14th 9am – 8pm, Fri. 15th 9am – 5:30pm, Sat. 16th 9am – 5:30pm

UP TO AN ADDITIONAL 25% OFF SELECTED LINES

LOOK FOR THE 25% OFF LABEL

town and country furniture

5-7 Brackla Street Centre
Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan CF31 1BZ
Tel: (01656) 653147
www.townandcountryfurniture.co.uk

THE GREAT £385,000 FURNITURE DISPOSAL SALE!

PRICES SLASHED AGAIN!

EMILY LEATHER RECLINING
3 SEATER SOFA AND TWO RECLINING CHAIRS
RRP £34997
OUR PRICE £1997

DORLUX
3 FT LEGEND 2 DRAWER DIVAN
WAS £299 NOW £199

RAUCH
5 DRAWER MOLTO PLUS BEECH CHESTS
WAS £229.00 NOW £149.00

BEDROOM FURNITURE
UP TO 50% OFF
MANY RANGES

SPECIAL SALE HOURS:
THUR. 14TH 9AM-8PM
FRI. 15TH 9AM-5:30PM
SAT. 16TH 9AM-5:30PM

FIRESIDE CHAIRS
FROM £199.00.

DORLUX
4FT 6 MEMORY SUPPORT 2 DRAWER DIVANS
WAS £499.00 NOW £289.00

CELEBRITY WOBURN
LIFT & RISE RECLINERS
WAS £999.00 NOW £773.00

SLUMBERLAND ORION 'MEMORY'
4FT 6 4 DRAWER DIVAN
WAS £699.00 NOW £479.00

MANY OTHER GREAT OFFERS IN STORE

ALL ITEMS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

© Lynch Sales Company 2009

Chapel service

A COMMUNION service will be held at Saron Chapel, Treoes, on Sunday, May 17 at 3pm, conducted by Mr Alwyn Evans.

A warm welcome will be extended to everyone.

Community council

THE following items were discussed at the Llangan Community council meeting held on Monday, May 11:

Treoes Hall – Negotiations are continuing with the Vale Council over a new kitchen and better flooring in Treoes Community Hall.

Tennis courts – There has not been the enthusiasm envisaged for the proposed allotments at the former tennis courts, considering the charge would be 50p to £1 per week. There will be 10-12 allotments, which will cover the grass area.

Parking problem – Coun West asked whether the grass area adjoining the Treoes Community Hall could be used for car parking when there is a function in the hall. News on this at a later date.

It was brought to councillors' notice that large branches have been placed across the walkway at the western end of Treoes village, preventing villagers' access to a popular area for walking their dogs and to the village well.

Problems reported by Coun Hall re Fferm Goch – There are problems at the 'kissing gate' area situated close to the Llangan Community Hall.

Curbstones need attention and the road close to the telephone kiosk are in need of repair. Many trees in and around Fferm Goch also need attention.

All these problems have been reported to the Vale Council but, unfortunately, it can take months before a satisfactory conclusion is reached.

Coun A Thomas reported the problem of pedestrians walking between the northern side of Fferm Goch and Heol Lidiard and requested a footpath inside the hedge. This is something which is urgently needed.

Coun Thomas reported that a vast amount of asbestos sheets have been dumped on Ruthin Common.

Ruthin Chapel

THE remnant of a chapel seems to be deteriorating every month.

There has still been no satisfactory reply from the owner, or the Vale Council, on the likely outcome.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Saron wedding

PICTURED after their wedding at Saron Chapel, Treoes on March 29, are Michael and Rhian Llewellyn.

The couple afterwards left for their honeymoon in the Far East.

ABOVE: The happy couple

BRIDGEND BRIDE WHO WAS BEATING CANCER DIED FROM SUPERBUG

A GRIEVING Bridgend bridegroom has been awarded more than £100,000 compensation, after his young bride died in hospital from a deadly superbug.

Sian Ptolomey beat cancer – but fell victim to the C.difficile infection while being treated in a Cardiff hospital.

Just a few days before she died, Sian (25) was told she was winning her six-month battle against cancer – and was looking forward to a long and happy life.

However, her husband William saw her die just 17 months after their wedding day from C.difficile.

Newly-wed Sian was diagnosed with treatable Hodgkin's Lymphoma and was admitted to hospital. She was winning her battle to overcome the illness, but was killed by the superbug – believed to have been picked up in hospital.

Her heartbroken father Terry Pickett, of Brackla, said: "They were looking forward to starting a family together. When she died we were in total shock because it was all so sudden.

"One minute everything was hunky-dory, with a specialist saying she had virtually beaten cancer - the next she was dead."

Sian's family claimed the hospital where she was being treated for cancer failed to investigate after she complained of the symptoms of C.difficile.

After an inquiry, the Velindre NHS Hospital Trust in Cardiff has paid a six-figure compensation sum to Sian's husband in an out-of-court settlement.

Prison administrative manager Sian was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma in December 2005, but was told there was an 85 per cent chance of a cure.

She made the 20-mile journey to Velindre from her home in Bridgend every two weeks for chemotherapy treatment.

When she complained of a swollen back, vomiting and diarrhoea a few weeks before she died, she was told they were side effects of the cancer treatment.

But less than a week after being told that her cancer sessions were succeeding in beating the disease, she was admitted to her local hospital seriously ill.

Terry (48), said: "From being told she had virtually beaten cancer and everything was looking rosy, we were now being told she had no chance of surviving the night.

"She died 26 hours after being admitted, with me and her husband holding her hands".

Terry said a doctor at Bridgend's Princess of Wales Hospital told them they suspected clostridium difficile, which led to a ruptured bowel and severe blood poisoning.

"The doctor said if she had been treated earlier, she would still be alive today", he stated.

The primary cause of death on Sian's death certificate is listed as septic shock (clostridium difficile).

Velindre Hospital launched an investigation and sent their findings to Sian's family, admitting failings in relation to identifying her symptoms..

Sian's butcher husband, William (34), is still too upset to talk about the tragedy, but Terry said: "I don't want Sian to have died in vain. I don't want this to happen to any other young person, or go through the agony we have endured."

Velindre NHS Trust have apologised to Sian's family – but refused to talk about the tragedy because of "patient confidentiality".

Chief executive Allison Williams said: "Staff work extremely hard to ensure that good infection control procedures are in place to protect patients.

"We are committed to taking all possible precautions to protect our patients from infection.

"However, in the small number of occasions where they do occur, we routinely carry out a thorough investigation, apologise to patients and their families as appropriate.

"And we ensure that we learn from the circumstances to minimise the risk of them happening again".

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST BRIDES MAJOR

Your local correspondent is Patricia Bevan-Morgan (01656) 880418

NOT just spring lambs but the stork, too, has been busy – bringing great joy to grandparents in the village!

Robert and Maureen Carveth are pleased to welcome baby granddaughter, Martha; and Howard and Marian Lewis a baby granddaughter, Seren, this week. All are doing well.

THE Ladies Thursday Club held their annual general meeting on May 7 and it is sad that secretary Lyn is leaving the village for pastures new, leaving a vacancy.

Chairperson Lilian will take over for another year, as will treasurer Valerie. All have served the club well over the years.

The club meets in the primary school every Thursday during term time. New members are welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sheilah Lewis, incoming chairperson of Ewenny Community Council, who will be attending the Buckingham Palace garden party.

Husband Tony is a member of Ogmore ward of the St Brides Major community Council.

A PLEASANT afternoon was spent when Ogmore-by-Sea residents met at the Water Mill to start off the new session with a quiz.

It was good to welcome Peggy Oaks back after her recent stay in hospital.

THE Wick Horticulture Society met on May 8 at the Wick Hall to discuss schedules for the forthcoming 41st show to be held on Saturday, September 5.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT, 1990

NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to the Council for planning permission for the undermentioned developments:

Developments in Conservation Areas

Application No: 2009/00432/ADV
Proposal: Re-position hanging sign and install new shop name in aluminium profile letters (6 no) Re-naming business with new name Zahins
Location: 70, Eastgate, Cowbridge
Conservation Area: Cowbridge with Llanblethian

Application No: 2009/00433/LBC
Proposal: Re-position hanging sign and install new shop name in aluminium profile letters (6 no)
Location: 70, Eastgate, Cowbridge
Conservation Area: Cowbridge with Llanblethian

Application No: 2009/00438/FUL
Proposal: Extension to ground floor conservatory and construction of first floor external balcony above, construction of dormer roof and chimney breast to side
Location: The Coach House, Peterston Super Ely
Conservation Area: Peterston-super-Ely

Application No: 2009/00444/FUL
Proposal: Installation of new and replacement velux windows
Location: 69, Plymouth Road, Penarth
Conservation Area: Penarth

Application No: 2009/00447/FUL
Proposal: Proposed detached garage
Location: 9, Clement Place, Barry
Conservation Area: Barry (Marine)

Listed Building Consent

Application No: 2009/00433/LBC
Proposal: Re-position hanging sign and install new shop name in aluminium profile letters (6 no)
Location: 70, Eastgate, Cowbridge
Listed Building: Grade II

Full details (including plans) may be inspected during normal working hours for a period of 21 days in the offices of the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below, or via the Council's Online Applications Register at vog.planning-register.co.uk.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER, 1995

Application(s) that may be of General Public Interest

Application No: 2009/00449/FUL
Proposal: Temporary five year planning permission for the relocation of 4 School of Technical Training within MoD St. Athan. Involving the use of existing buildings, the erection of 10 new temporary modular buildings, the extension to an existing building, the construction of a Multiple Use Games Area, and the construction of additional associated parking areas and associated ancillary works
Location: 4 School of Technical Training, MoD St. Athan (East Camp), St. Athan

Full details (including plans) may be inspected during normal working hours for a period of 14 days in the offices of the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below, or via the Council's Online Applications Register at vog.planning-register.co.uk.

Dated: 14th May, 2009

Rob Thomas
Head of Planning and Transportation

The Vale of Glamorgan Council,
Dock Office, Barry Docks,
Barry, CF63 4RT

VANILLA CAFE & TAPAS BAR

Fully Licensed
Wines, Beers & Spirits available from 11am til late

Tapas Nights
every Friday & Saturday
(booking advisable)

THE GREAT AMERICAN BREAKFAST
served from 9.00 am onwards

Fresh Italian Coffees with Coffee & Cakes deals.
Lovely selection of Lunches & Snacks served daily.

Open 9 am til late Mon-Sat

86 High Street, Barry
Tel. 01446 742124

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION & COMING INTO OPERATION OF PUBLIC PATH CREATION ORDER 2009 HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 SECTION 26

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 74 BARRY

On the 6th day of May 2009 the Vale of Glamorgan Council confirmed the above named Order made under section 26 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to create a footpath as set out in the schedule below.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Dock Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT between 9:00am and 4:00pm on weekdays from 14 May 2009 until 25 June 2009. Copies of the Order may be bought here at a price of £3.50.

The Order will come into operation on 6 May 2009, but if any person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity or that of any provision contained in the Order, or on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she, pursuant to paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within six weeks from 14 May 2009 on which the Notice is first published make an application to the High Court.

SCHEDULE
Description of site of new footpath

Commences at ST 0998 6674 at the northern end of the road at Maes y Coed and proceeds north north westwards through Birch Grove Wood for 52 metres to terminate at its junction with Public Footpath No. 62 Barry at ST 0997 6679 approximately 5 metres west of the junction of Nos.62 and 63 Barry.

Part 2
Limitations and Conditions

None

DATED this 14th day of May 2009

Peter H Evans
Director of Legal Public Protection and Housing Services
Civic Offices, Holton Road,
Barry, Vale of Glamorgan

Local Newspaper Week

11-17 MAY 2009 NS the voice of local media building stronger communities

To our readers and advertisers

A message from our proprietor, Sir Ray Tindle CBE

The GEM is still family-owned and is still run independently by local staff. After 26 years of existence that is something of which we are quite proud.

The management and staff are the very best. It is their wish to serve you, our readers and advertisers, by publishing the finest possible paper each week.

They certainly try to do so. Do tell us if we can improve the paper in any way. We'll happily consider any possibilities you may put forward.

Thank you, everyone of you, for using The GEM. ***We value your support.***

ABOVE: Sir Ray Tindle, CBE

VALE OF GLAMORGAN SHOW
Wednesday 19th August 2009
Fonmon Castle Park, Nr. Cardiff Airport
Call Nicola Gibson on 01446 710099
The Glamorgan Gem ensures that show results are reported to the community a.s.a.p.
We appreciate your continual support!
www.valeofglamorganshow.co.uk
A GREAT DAY OUT FOR ALL THE FAMILY

The vital role that local papers play in society

LOCAL Newspaper Week 2009 (May 11 - 17) features high profile figures from across the UK who are rallying to the support of local newspapers and their vital role within the community.

Television presenters John Humphrys and John Sergeant have given video messages of support to the local press in celebration of the week.

In addition, 18 members of the Scottish parliament have pledged their support for local newspapers by signing a Local Newspaper Week 2009 motion.

MSPs applauded the significant investment made by local newspaper publishers to deliver to an increasingly digital agenda and enhance their digital audience.

Radio and television presenter John Humphrys kicked off his journalistic career on a number of local titles in Wales.

He said: "Local newspapers hold local authorities to account. Whether you're reporting the local court or council, local papers bring the way the community works into everybody's home.

"If we don't have local newspapers, who is going to do that? If people don't know what is going on in their community, how are they going to hold to account the people that run their lives? In the end, that is the point of local newspapers. They are essential."

Starting out at the Liverpool Echo, television and radio journalist John Sergeant stresses the importance of local newspapers in maintaining the vitality of a community:

"Local papers are not just amazing training grounds for people like me, but they also infuse the community with that lifeblood of information, democracy and informed comment. Without local newspapers, you don't get a proper sense of community; you get no ordinary way of living."

Top local media facts:

- Eighty-two per cent of adults, 40 million people, read a local newspaper, making it the most widely read medium in the country (BMRB/TGI 2008).
- As a source of information about the local area in which people live, local newspapers are three times more popular than the next medium, BBC TV news. (Press Gazette/YouGov 2007)
- There are 1,300 local newspapers and 1,200 associated websites in the UK.
- Local newspapers and their associated websites are 49 per cent more trusted and relied upon than the nearest medium, commercial TV (the wanted ads III 2007).
- Advertising on local newspaper websites is 77 per cent more likely to be believed and relied upon than advertising on other websites (the wanted ads III 2007).
- 74.6 per cent per cent of people aged between and 15 and 24 read a local newspaper (BMRB/TGI 2008).

'Give local papers your full support'

by PIERS MORGAN

"I LEARNED my journalistic craft on the Streatham and Tooting News, the Wimbledon News, and the Sutton Herald, and realised from my daily reporting life over that two year period just how important local newspapers are to a community.

"They're the lifeblood and the heartbeat of towns and cities up and down the country, and educate, inform and entertain local residents in equal measure in a way that national newspapers never can.

"In these difficult times, it is imperative that local papers are given all the support they need to survive and thrive."

The GEM is setting the trend for many years to come

by MIKE MEREDITH

THE world of print and broadcast journalism is in chaos. Across the globe, newspapers, radio and television stations are closing down at an alarming rate.

It's bad news for all aspects of human life because these organs of communication are vital, disseminating information and the welfare of democracies.

Sadly, nations far and wide are feeling the chill wind of decline in the media, accelerated by the worldwide credit crunch and exacerbated also by lifestyle changes and the switch to new media which is replacing the printed word.

The current fashion is for newspapers to be replaced by teletext, e-mail, mobile phones and a plethora of other new media.

Among the young, the habit of reading conventional newspapers has become old hat, with iPhones, mobiles, teletext and other processes taking their place. In short, it almost seems that the world has become too busy to give time to the serious purpose of reading and absorbing rational debate.

The quest for brevity and immediacy outweighs the principles on which most folk were raised and nurtured.

One exception to the rule is the Tindle Newspaper Group, in which The Glamorgan GEM has become a shining star.

In a relatively short space time, not much more than 25 years in fact, The GEM has become the dependable voice of the Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend. It out-circulates most other titles in its domain.

It is run with the sound objective of putting news first in its order of priorities. Others would do well to follow its example, for it has become enormously successful within the very considerable Tindle stable.

Good journalism, sound management and an ear to the ground on all issues affecting its territory have made The GEM the valued newspaper it is today.

Decades, and even centuries ago, newspapers began their lives as free sheets and it seems likely the clock will be turned back once more. With its feet firmly on the ground and its eye on the ball, The GEM seems certain to be a beacon in south Wales for years to come.

High Street traders thank The GEM for its coverage

ON behalf of High Street traders, I would like to thank The GEM for its ongoing coverage and support of our events.

Not only have you promoted the Christmas lights, and last year's new Victorian Fayre, and the Easter Bonnet Parade well in advance to inform the Barry and Vale public of what is planned, you have followed up the initial publicity with full reports and pages of pictures.

High Street traders could not ask for better coverage, and we have also found it pays to advertise in The GEM.

The support of the Vale public and The GEM is what makes these events such a success.

People can keep an eye out for our next event knowing exactly where it will be reported!

Thanks again.

Tony Hopkins, Chairman, High Street Traders Association Ltd

BARRY TOWN COUNCIL
CYNGOR TREF Y BARRI

The Town Mayor of Barry, (2008-2009) Councillor
STUART EGAN
would like to thank
The Glamorgan GEM
for the excellent coverage during his year in office.
"As always, The GEM has enhanced its deserved reputation as a successful community newspaper."

JANE HUTT, AM
celebrating ten years of working with
The Glamorgan GEM
as the Vale of Glamorgan Assembly Member

The GEM provides comprehensive editorial news across the whole of the Vale of Glamorgan and is an important source of news for all our our communities.

The Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan Council
Councillor Audrey Preston
wishes to congratulate
The Glamorgan GEM
on their reporting of local news and community issues and thanks them for their support during her year of office.

Hoffai Maer Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, y
Cynghorydd Audrey Preston
longyfarch aelodau staff
Y Glamorgan GEM
ar eu gwaith yn cyflwyno newyddion lleol a materion cymunedol, a diolch iddynt am eu holl gefnogaeth yn ystod ei blwyddyn yn y swydd.

Congratulations to
The GEM
for serving the Community.

I hold regular surgeries throughout the Vale.

Alternatively please contact me at

Chris Franks, Plaid Cymru Assembly Member

The National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, Cardiff, CF99 1NA.
Telephone 02920 922578
or e-mail christopher.franks@wales.gov.uk

Plaid

Local Newspaper Week

11-17 MAY 2009 NS the voice of local media building stronger communities

Pupils say what the widely-travelled GEM means to them

By ANDREW CLISSETT of Barry Comprehensive School

'THE GEM IS HELPING PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS...'

THE Barry Comprehensive School has enjoyed a close relationship with The Gem for many years; a relationship we think has been beneficial to both institutions.

The achievements of the pupils of Barry Comprehensive feature weekly in The Gem, and frequently the articles and photographs making it into print are produced by the pupils.

The pupils, and their families, are also readers of The Gem and are always on the lookout for articles and pictures about themselves or their fellow pupils.

We asked some of the pupils who have been featured in The Gem recently to tell us what appearing in the newspaper meant to them.

These are some of the replies we received:

"I feel very proud when I see myself in the newspaper. My family congratulate me and my Nan cuts out the article and puts it in a memory book. It is very nice to know that the town can recognise you for the good things that you have done.

"It gives you a morale boost and you try your hardest to be in the newspaper again. This is very important for people who try to achieve their dreams because it gives them a 'well-done'."

– Daniel Saunders, Year 9

"I recently took part in a Rotary photography competition and my parents and friends at home in Hungary were delighted to see my photograph in The GEM – so you see, the newspaper travels the world!"

– Doniz Simon, Year 12 Exchange Student

"When I was in the basketball photo in The GEM I was really pleased. My parents saw the picture and the article and had the page laminated. They also scanned the page and sent it to all my relatives, and my little cousins see it and recognise me as a role-model."

– Rhys West, Year 11

"It was the first time in my life that I had been in a newspaper. It was brilliant and my family at home in Thailand really liked it"

– Potsawee Wetphanit, Year 12 Exchange Student

"The Barry GEM published an article about mine and other students exchange year here in Barry. I sent the article home all the way to the Czech Republic so my friends and family can see what a great time I'm having.

"Now this article can be proudly displayed in Plasska 97 on our mantelpiece."

– Tereza Machacova, Year 12 Exchange Student

ABOVE: Barry Comprehensive School pupils catch up on all the local news in The GEM.

THE COMMUNITY SHOP
9-13 Cowbridge Rd, PONTYCLUN
are proud to be staunch supporters of
The Glamorgan GEM
which is avidly collected by news-hungry 'locals' from their shop every week!

The Charity Shop for the connoisseur

The shop is the venture of the parish of Pontyclun with Talygarn.
We welcome customers and donations. We are willing to help other parishes looking at setting up similar projects.

★ High quality clothing
★ Second hand books
★ Bric-a-brac
★ Curtains
★ Children's dept - prams etc
★ Furniture – second hand
★ DVDs etc

OPEN: Monday to Saturday
9.00 am - 5.00 pm
Tel: 01443 222444
We collect and deliver

Club Restaurant
Sully Constitutional
Why not call in for lunch or an evening meal and pick up your copy of The Glamorgan GEM - here for collection every week!
South Rd., Sully
Tel: 02920 531700/530353

NWN Media, based in Wales, is an independent provider of world-class printing across the country.

We are proud to print the Glamorgan Gem and other Tindle titles.

If you would like more information on NWN Media's print services and the state-of-the-art KBA Commander full colour press, or for a quote to meet your printing needs, please contact
sophie.woodward@nwn.co.uk

nwnmedia
Proud to print local

COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL
would like to invite you to the
Art, Design and Technology Exhibition of A and AS Level and GCSE work which is being held at
the Middle School site, Aberthin Road
on Thursday 4th June 2009
from 6pm-7.30pm.
We are pleased to support our local newspaper who continually report our news and pupils' achievements.

MJM Computers and Consumables
We are pleased to supply Brother Consumables and Office Stationery to
The Glamorgan GEM
and wish them continued success
95 High Street, Barry,
Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 7DY
Freephone: 0800 316 6283
Tel: 01446 733337 Fax: 01446 701001
www.mjmcom.co.uk - sales@mjmcom.co.uk

Lyn Murray, teachers, pupils and parents are pleased to support
The Glamorgan Gem
Thank you for spreading our news
Keep up the good work!
Pendoylan Church in Wales Primary School
Pendoylan, Vale of Glamorgan

tŷ hafan
the family hospice for young lives
thank you to the gem for all your kind support over the years!
www.tyhafan.org
St. Hilary Court, Copthorne Way, Culverhouse Cross, Cardiff CF5 6ES
Tel: 029 2067 2060 Registered Charity Number: 1047912.

Vale Karate
'Karate for Everyone'
Wales' most successful Karate Organisation with specific classes for:
• CHILDREN FROM FOUR YEARS
• CHILDREN & TEENAGERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
• CHILDREN'S SEPARATE BEGINNER, INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED CLASSES AVAILABLE
• TRADITIONAL AND FIGHTING FIT CLASSES FOR ADULTS
CHIEF INSTRUCTOR Rob Copeland 5th DAN
'UNDERSTANDING DISABILITY COACH OF THE YEAR 2008
VALE OF GLAMORGAN SPORTS PERSONALITY
COMMUNITY COACH OF THE YEAR' 2008
SPORTS COUNCIL FOR WALES COACH OF THE YEAR 2008
Vale Karate would like to thank The GEM for their continued support and congratulate them on their fantastic community coverage!
WWW.VALEKARATE.COM
TEL: 01446 419701
EMAIL: robert@valekarate.com

Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School
Age 11 - 16 Girls' School
Co-Educational 6th Form
We would like to thank
The Glamorgan GEM
for the excellent editorial and photographs for Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School.
MERTHYR DYFAN ROAD, BARRY, CF62 9YQ – Tel. 01446 403500

Llantwit Major Town Council
is proud to support The Glamorgan GEM, which is instrumental in addressing community initiatives and news updates ensuring our townsfolk are continually informed.

YSGOL GYFUN BRO MORGANNWG
Unig Ysgol Gyfun Cyfrwng Cymraeg y Fro/ A Welsh Medium School for the Vale
We appreciate the editorial space provided by
The Glamorgan GEM
Rydym yn gwerthfawrogi y cyfle i sôn am ein llwyddiannau yn
Y Glamorgan GEM
Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, Heol Colcot, Y Barri CF62 8YU – Ffon/Tel 01446 450280
post@bromorgannwg.org.uk/www.yfro.org.uk
Pennaeth/Headteacher: Dr Dylan E Jones

BARRY Comprehensive SCHOOL
The staff and pupils would like to thank
The Glamorgan Gem
for the editorial and photographs giving Barry Comprehensive School excellent coverage.
Tel: 01446 411411
Download the prospectus and keep up to date with BCS news by visiting
www.barrycomp.com

THE COLUMN YOU WRITE

Readers' Letters

We reserve the right to edit all letters. We do NOT accept anonymous mail. Letters should include an address and contact telephone number. An email address alone is not sufficient. We will (in certain circumstances), protect a writer's identity, if requested. Please keep your letters brief and address them to: The Editor, Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL.

GEM readers back Gurkhas

FEW issues have ignited the passion of the British public more in recent years than the right of the Gurkhas to live in this country.

Last week, the actress Joanna Lumley held an impromptu press conference with immigration Minister Phil Woolas to demand greater settlement rights, after five former Gurkhas said they had received letters from the Home Office, saying they did not qualify to settle in Britain.

This week, a number of GEM readers have written in support of the Gurkhas.

One of our correspondents has been the mayor-elect of Llantwit Major, Coun Russell Downe, who explained why he was so passionate about the Gurkhas.

Coun Downe explained: "My grandfather was a dispatch rider in the Second World War and while on active duty near the front line, crashed into a dug out well.

"He was there for three days with two broken legs.

"The Gurkhas found him and got him out, saving his life. Without them, I would not have been here to write in their support."

John Smith, the Vale's MP, has also written to The GEM *(See right)* to state his position on the issue.

MORE LETTERS ON THE PLIGHT OF THE GURKHAS WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S EDITION

'My campaign for Gurkha rights' – MP

I WRITE in response to letters published in The GEM last week about Gurkha rights.

As an ex-serviceman and a member of the all-party parliamentary group on Gurkha rights, I have campaigned tirelessly for the equal treatment of former Gurkha soldiers long before it became a popular 'cause célèbre'.

My support for the Government two weeks ago followed discussions with the chairman of the all-party group who tabled an Early Day Motion calling for a fairer ruling, which I signed; and following significant concessions obtained from the Government, including an early review of the proposals.

It is under the current Government that the first-ever rights of settlement for Gurkhas in Britain were established and equal pay and pensions were introduced – something that had not happened previously.

I can assure your readers that I will continue to do all I can to bring about a fair outcome for the Gurkhas, whether or not this remains a popular cause.

John Smith, MP
Vale of Glamorgan

Gurkhas' loyalty to the crown

I REFER to two letters in The GEM readers' column of May 7 regarding the Gurkha soldiers settling rights.

I, together with many other readers, I suspect, was disappointed to learn that our MP Mr John Smith voted with the Government against this issue. Wasn't it good that they were defeated?

Might I ask if our MP, before he gave his vote, sought advice from his constituents? If he didn't, why not?

I hope that he would remember who gave him the votes to become Vale of Glamorgan MP. Perhaps he hasn't heard of the Gurkhas' past history, and their loyalty to the British crown?

Perhaps his slip-up, on this occasion, may cost him the chance of a third term as our MP. This is just an observation.

Philip Whitehouse, Barry

'U' turn as you wish!

I WAS somewhat bemused on reading last week's GEM to see two items on page 7 referring to our MP Mr John Smith.

A reader's letter reported him voting with the Government on a motion denying Gurkhas, who have served this country loyally for almost 200 years, the right to live here. I am pleased to note that this vote was defeated.

Surprise, surprise, on the same page of The GEM, is a photograph of John Smith, with a delegation of Gurkha soldiers, SUPPORTING their campaign!

Which side is he on, or is it case of political expediency following public opinion, to secure votes at the next election?

We all know the backing of the general public is with these gallant soldiers.

Eileen Watkins, Tredodridge

Damaged tyres

ON February 10, while driving to Barry on Five Mile Lane at night, I hit a large pothole just after the Walterston turn-off.

The impact damaged both nearside tyres on my car. Next morning, I went to the spot and took photos which I gave to the Vale Council highways department.

I then fitted two new tyres and filled in a claim form. On May 5, I received a letter from the council's insurers saying that 'as the site of the accident is subject to inspections by the council and the last one was carried out on December 2, 2008 with no defect apparent, they are not legally liable.'

When I contacted the insurers, I was told in so many words that it was 'tough luck' and to seek legal advice if I wanted. I am now out of pocket by £190!

Peter Badcock, Barry

Praise for Bridgend hospital ward staff

I AM currently an in-patient at the Princess of Wales Hospital and I feel compelled to write to praise the staff and running of ward 5.

There are a number of stroke patients on the ward who are bedridden, for whom the care can be very time consuming – but all team members, without exception, are extremely caring, professional, efficient and unfailingly cheerful.

I have been both a nurse and a manager in commerce, and I would be proud to have any of them working in my team.

Susan Thomas, Llangan

Speed cameras won't solve the problems

I AM no highways expert, but how is putting speed cameras at both ends of Llysworney going to solve the problem of the road being too narrow?

It is certainly not going to make the road any wider. All that is going to do is put money in the coffers of whoever collects speeding fines; it won't give the lorries more room to pass through.

Mrs EM Davies, Boverton

ROSS COMPUTING LTD
Personal Computer Service

- PC & Peripheral Sales
- Computer Repairs & Upgrades
- Internet & Email Solutions
- Full Workshop Facilities
- Network Installations
- Software Support
- Home Callouts
- Laptop Repairs

Station House, Station Hill, 7a New Road, **Porthcawl** CF36 5DL **Tel: 01656 783444**
www.rosscomputing.com

PORTHCAWL'S Mayor, Coun David Newton Williams, who has lived in the town for more than 70 years, has just finished his year in office. Here, he reflects on that year, and on what the town means to him.

(SEE PORTHCAWL PROFILE ON FACING PAGE)

LITTLE did I know when I used to come to Porthcawl as a young lad that one day I would live here – or indeed, that one day I would be Mayor of the town that I loved from the very first time I came to stay.

So what were the odds of my achieving that honour three times?

I love it in all its moods and its seasons; not only on the glorious summer days that used to be, with blue cloudless skies, clean water, visitors galore and views that went on forever, but also in the depth of hard winters with deep drifts, frozen lakes and just the residents to greet and talk to.

A town full of character and characters who always had the time to talk to you and tell you about the town that they remembered.

Mind you, some of them were like the Old Salt I knew in my youth who, if truth were known and you added up the years he served in ships of the line, he must have joined the navy about two years before Nelson was born.

The town has changed; but then hasn't everywhere. Life has changed, expectations have altered. Progress arrived in the shape of the Beeching Report and cheap foreign travel, and Porthcawl changed forever.

Local authority changed and no longer is the town the master of its own destiny – and there are still those who would argue that the changes that have occurred over the years have not been to the advantage of Porthcawl.

Only last week The GEM showed photographs of car racing on Pink Bay in the 1920s; or what about Sir Alan Cobham's Flying Circus based in the Rest Bay car park? No doubt Health and Safety would put a stop to all that, if sand erosion and extreme dredging hadn't made it impossible.

There is a lot of talk about regeneration – and just think, there are people living here in Porthcawl who are in their 40s and who have heard nothing but that since the time they were born – and the clock has yet to start ticking.

But for all that, I love the town. It's a good place for children to be brought up in, with good schools and a good sporting ethos, and that counts for a lot.

I've thoroughly enjoyed this past year as I have the previous stints as mayor and if you were to ask what the highlights were, I would find it difficult to answer.

Laying a wreath at the Menin Gate in Ypres to help celebrate the centenary of the Porthcawl YMCA and to commemorate the lives of those from the town who were killed in both world wars, and in the skirmishes that have followed since, must be at the top of my list.

My involvement with the schools and youth of the town and my enjoyment of the vast well of musical and artistic talent that exists in the town are also highlights.

My appreciation of the organisations of the town who work for the good of the community and the life within that community without thought of recompense or praise and yet deserve it in trumps, is boundless.

Finally, my thanks to go everyone who has welcomed my wife and I into their lives and involved us in the wide range of social cultural and religious activity in the town.

I know that I may only have played a relatively small part in the ongoing changes, which may or may not happen, but please do not give up hope – just get involved and work harder to achieve the best for Porthcawl.

Academy offers top quality training

OUR experience has shown that there is a need for good professional training within south Wales.

From our first year's intake of three candidates, we are now at full capacity, with 10 candidates.

Becoming an approved City and Guilds centre has enabled us to deliver a wide range of qualifications in hair and beauty.

City and Guilds now offer new diploma awards, which give us the opportunity to encourage practising individuals to have a change of direction professionally, without the pressure of embarking on the full NVQ qualification.

The Academy has had great success in delivering one-day training courses in advanced areas of the profession.

This is directed towards candidates who have qualified, but need to achieve extra skills.

The courses are delivered by local professionals, who have been trained to the standards of London's Goldwell Academy staff.

Classic Look Academy is now able to provide day release training sessions for the salon-based practitioners in NVQ at various levels. These will cover all knowledge areas, GOLA online tests and practical assessment.

Telephone 01656 788338 or 786254.

TRAINING CENTRE
CLASSIC LOOK
Training Academy
Approved City Guilds centre offering qualifications in hair and beauty level 1, 2 & 3.
We can train your trainees.
Enquiries/bookings, please call
01656 788338/786254 or Mob. 07768287576

Finnegans.... fire to finals!

HUW JONES of Finnegans Fish Bar is no stranger to industry awards for his fish and chips.

Regularly finishing in top place for Wales, this year they were keen contenders for the British crown.

Despite just missing out on that title, Huw's '*Best in Wales 2008!* ' award is particularly special in view of the Porthcawl shop being gutted by fire in November 2008 and re-opening in March this year, following extensive refurbishment.

With branches at Baglan, Port Talbot and Broadlands (Bridgend), there's lots of happy customers – and in 2009.....look out for national gold!

Finnegans
Award Winning Fish & Chips
Refurbished shop at
STATION HILL, PORTHCAWL
Just awarded best in Wales 2008
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK ALL DAY
Also at Baglan, Port Talbot & Broadlands (Bridgend)

ST JOHN'S has shaped the lives of many young people who have grown up to become successful and respected members of our communities.

St John's is non-selective and aims to give all deserving students the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Our exceptional pre-prep department offers the highest teaching standards in literacy and numeracy and children are introduced to the world of science, ICT and languages at this early stage.

The Prep department offers specialist teaching in dedicated facilities, and provides a solid foundation for pupils as they complete their journey through the Senior school.

Our GCSE results have been consistently among the highest in Wales with 100 per cent of pupils each year having achieved at least five or more A*-C grades for the last six years.

PORTHCAWL PROFILE

Check us out when you're in town . . .

ADVERTISEMENT FEATURE

Home Emporium has gifts to suit everyone's pocket

HOME Emporium at 6 Well Street, is a bright and cheerful shop, selling quality gifts and home accessories to suit all budgets.

Home Emporium opened in June 2008 with the idea of offering home accessories to appeal to all tastes from funky through to more traditional. The range has been expanded to include gifts for all occasions.

...A shop not to be missed, whether you are looking to enhance your home and garden, or for a gift and card for a child or an adult – you will not be disappointed.

We guarantee a friendly greeting from helpful staff. A visit is essential!

Catch-up with the latest digital edition of The GEM at: *porthcawl-today.co.uk*

If seeking decor inspiration Brushstrokes is a must!

FOR style, quality and choice in decor, Brushstrokes, the up-market decorating shop in Porthcawl has it all.

It stocks dozens of the very latest designer wallpaper books to browse through, from top designers such as Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen, Linda Barker, Julien Macdonald and Shand Kydd.

The comprehensive choice of paints range from well known quality names such as Dulux and Leyland to top-end product Farrow and Ball.

The shop is run by Christopher Gadd, a scenic airbrush artist, and Christine Gadd, who is an expert in interior designs and the use of colour – ideal people to give you the expert advice you need.

If you've been searching for inspiration in giving your decor that lift, Brushstrokes is a must visit shop: 22a Station Hill, New Road, Porthcawl, CF36 5DN.

Sidoli's and Pietro's carry on Italian Connection with town

SIDOLI'S has been family-run for nearly 50 years. Originally opened by Pietro and Gianna Sidoli in 1960, the business is now run by their three sons: Mario, Luigi and Tino.

The family also took over Pietro's 15 years ago. Their Esplanade venue boasts 15-20 assorted ice cream flavours and is favoured as an alfresco/mingling, suntrap/sea view must!

Sidoli's has opted for the popular strawberry and vanilla ice cream favourites.

Both serve panninis, toasties, popular main meals, a gateaux selection and their signature – freshly ground Italian coffee and home-made ice cream – you choose...

A warm welcome is assured.

Carconomy - a quality service

CARCONOMY has traded on Station Hill, Porthcawl, for a third of a century under the original ownership – knowing the needs of the market place has kept us here all this time.

We only use quality suppliers and offer our customers value for money. The quality of the service we offer is as important to us as it is to you. When you buy a bicycle from us, it is built for you to the highest standard, and it is safe for you to take on the road.

Open seven days a week, we are here to serve you. Telephone 01446 788110.

Psychic World at the Seabank

PSYCHIC World Promotion have been coming to the Seabank Hotel since 1994 and are a popular group of excellent psychics and clairvoyants.

They will be doing private sittings. We also have crystals, tarot card, books, jewellery on sale. Open from 1pm-5pm, re-open 6pm-10pm.

Admission is £2.50. We are there on Tuesday, May 19. Demonstrations start at 7.30pm.

The Swan takes the gastropub route

A VILLAGE pub in Nottage, Porthcawl, is re-branding itself as a 'gastropub' and has made a statement of intent by going into partnership with an award-winning chef.

A brand new menu is being unveiled at The Swan, under the auspices of Mark Thomas and Julie Jenkins, and Joe Jones, the winner of the 'Welsh Young Chef of the Year' in 2008.

In fact, the public house is moving in a new direction, with a major emphasis on local produce and local suppliers.

Mark Thomas told The GEM: "We are aiming to build personal relationships with as many suppliers as possible, so that we know where all the food comes from".

He feels that there is a demand from diners to see their favourite restaurants supporting the local economy.

That applies to the drinking side as well, because real ales will be featured under the new team, with a particular relationship forged with brewers from around south Wales, including Newmans from Caerphilly.

Recently, the pub hosted a four-day beer festival to give patrons a chance to see (and taste) the future.

On the restaurant side, young Joe comes to The Swan having worked at The Coast, which won its share of awards in its time in Porthcawl; and also at 'Vale' establishments.

Joe is as enthusiastic as his partners in planning a menu featuring local Welsh beef, lamb, or fish.

In fact, he can be found in the morning on the rocks on the shoreline in Porthcawl, collecting samphire – something that goes well with fish in particular.

VALE RURAL EVENTS NETWORK | RHWYDWAITH DIGWYDDIADAU GWLEDIG Y FRO
Vale of Glamorgan | Bro Morgannwg

YOUR EVENT YOUR NETWORK

ALL EVENTS ORGANISERS IN THE RURAL VALE OF GLAMORGAN CAN JOIN THE **NEW VALE RURAL EVENTS NETWORK** AND BENEFIT FROM:

- NETWORKING & INFORMATION SHARING WITH OTHER EVENTS ORGANISERS IN THE RURAL VALE
- THE **FREE** USE OF A STOCK OF EVENT EQUIPMENT
- YOUR EVENT/S BEING INCLUDED FOR FREE IN THE NEW RURAL EVENTS LISTING

REGISTER FREE TODAY!

The new Vale Rural Events Network is administered by The Vale of Glamorgan Council and is open to anyone interested in the development and delivery of quality events in the rural Vale of Glamorgan.

For more information or to register please contact Sarah Jones on 01446 704736 or email: sejones@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

creative RURAL COMMUNITIES

Out and About with The GEM

IT'S STAR TREK, JIM – BUT NOT AS WE KNEW IT!

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

JJ ABRAMS is a man with the popular culture golden touch. Having been responsible for such small screen fare as *Alias*, *Lost* and *Fringe*, his trips to the big screen have been just as fruitful, producing monster-movie *Cloverfield* and helming action blockbuster *Mission: Impossible 3*.

His latest task, however, is quite possibly his most difficult; making 2009 audiences care about a franchise that lost its relevance in the mid-90 – Star Trek.

Taking the story to its origins, we meet a young James Kirk (Chris Pine), a rebellious teen who joins the Starfleet Academy hoping to find new worlds.

Meeting up with the likes of Spock (Zachary Quinto), Bones (Karl Urban), Chekhov (Anton Yelchin) and Uhura (Zoe Saldana), Kirk soon finds himself in charge of the Starship Enterprise, and on course for conflict with Nero (Eric Bana), a Romulan intent on causing all manner of havoc...

Another week, another origin tale. Yet, unlike last week's *Wolverine*, the auspicious beginnings of the *Star Trek* gang didn't necessarily require retelling.

After all, the adventures of the Starship Enterprise on television kick-started a lifetime of devotion for fans of the series, some of whom perhaps wouldn't relish seeing a new crew aboard the fabled craft.

I certainly wasn't one of them, never really getting the allure of Klingons and warp speeds; in fact, the only film I have ever walked out of was the last big screen *Trek* outing, *Nemesis*.

So it was refreshing to sit down to *Star Trek* without the baggage of the various other incarnations. This is the story from its very beginning, and what a thoroughly enjoyable and satisfying story it is, delivering the blockbuster sensibilities you would hope for while also setting up the new franchise wonderfully well.

JJ Abrams' statement that he was more of a fan of *Star Wars* than *Star Trek* may have disillusioned old Trekkies (or Trekkers, you can never be sure), but his lack of reverence for the source material means that he comes to it with a fresh pair of eyes.

Taking his cue from George Lucas' space-opera, we get glossy technology, dogfights in space and a wide collection of planets and alien life forms; we even get a few *Star Wars* cribs throughout the story (our hero being pursued by a creature on an ice planet, the villain destroying a main character's planet) that smack just a touch of that franchise.

However, Abrams' direction is solidly entertaining throughout, grasping the sensibility and delivering a film of scope and substance.

The screenplay, from Roberto Orci and Alex Kurtzman, strikes the right balance between paying respect to the original series' characters while ripping up what has gone before and delivering something more in tune with current cinematic tastes.

The script may lose some of the hallmarks of the franchise, the big issues and themes absent, but there is plenty of time for that in the next one; the main aim, to set up the characters and story, is executed very well.

The only real mistake they make is one all too common when setting everything up for future instalments, and that is losing the actual story in among the introduction of characters.

The storyline of Nero wreaking havoc almost comes across as an afterthought, something that makes the casting of Eric Bana a touch superfluous, delivering the slightest of pay-offs, and a weak one at that; but Orci and Kurtzman's build-up more than compensates for this shortcoming.

The performances also strike the right note, uniformly impressive but with some characters unsurprisingly sidelined in order to establish the story.

Chris Pine is hugely entertaining as Kirk, charismatic, likeable and headstrong.

As the wayward genius who finds himself more or less thrown into this new world, he is the audience's eyes and ears, and he shows a deft ability to flit between the comedic and the dramatic.

Zachary Quinto captures Spock's otherworldliness to a tee, while infusing him with just the right level of emotion.

Of the rest of the crew, only Karl Urban's 'Bones' McCoy and Zoe Saldana's Uhura are afforded the opportunity to shine; the remainder of the cast are victims of the script's needs rather than any weakness in their performances.

Quibbles about some of the more fanciful aspects of the storyline aside, *Star Trek* not only re-establishes a franchise that was all but dormant, but does so with a film that is engrossing and eminently watchable.

How those who pray at the altar of everything *Trek* will respond to seeing their favourite characters re-imagined I cannot tell, but for me, this is a reboot that wholly succeeds in its aims.

Verdict – The summer blockbuster seasons starts here! A job well done for JJ Abrams and a skilled cast, *Star Trek* works both as a set-up to further adventures for the Starship Enterprise and as a thoroughly enjoyable action-adventure film in its own right.

Where the franchise goes from here is worth looking out for, as based on this evidence it is in the right hands. *Recommended*.

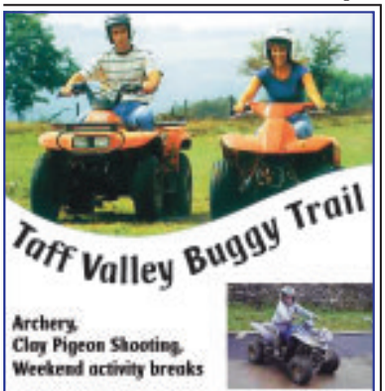
Tuesday Club

LLANCARFAN Ladies Tuesday Club will meet at Llancarfan community hall, on Tuesday, May 19, at 7.45pm.

Hilary West will give a talk on 'Flower arranging'.

It is an open meeting and men are welcome.

There will be a raffle and refreshments. Visitors 50p.



Archery,
Clay Pigeon Shooting,
Weekend activity breaks

Families, Youth Clubs, Schools, Individuals and Birthday Parties Age 7+

Taff Buggy Trails
Pontypridd, nr Cardiff
(029) 2083 1658
www.adventurewales.co.uk

£22 per 45 mins £24.50 per hour

BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK

Beacons Bus

Every Sunday and Bank Holiday 24th May to 27th September

Explore the Beacons with a choice of 3 circular sightseeing routes or access all the main walks, towns and attractions with the Bus network.

NOW IN ITS 10th YEAR!

For a free leaflet 01873 853254

www.travelbreconbeacons.info

Welsh Senior Citizens go free!
Just show your pass to the driver.

Out of work mousers looking for local employment opportunities!

Looking for an environmentally friendly rodent control service for your stables, garden centre, factory, farm or small holding? Our working cats are just waiting to pounce on the right opportunity!

CATS PROTECTION

01656 724396
BRIDGEND ADOPTION CENTRE
(Charity No. 203644)

Charity fair

A SPRING fair will be held in the Lee Hall, Dinas Powys on Saturday, May 16 from 1pm-3pm.

It has been organised by Coun Steve Thomas, retiring chair of the council as part of his charity fundraising and will be hosted by Chris Franks AM.

Stallholders will raise funds for themselves, while the proceeds of an auction and raffle will be shared between ValePlus and Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern.

Those represented include WI, RNLI, ValePlus, MD, Scouts, Vale Council, Fair Trade, DPVC, as well as a number of trade stands.

"I wish to thank all those organisations and individuals who have supported me over the year and hope that a large number of people will be able to attend this free event, which will hopefully raise a substantial amount of money for local good causes."

For details of how to bid for auction items prior to the fair, contact the council on 029 2051 3114, or Steve Thomas on 029 2051 5764.

SINGLE, FUN LOVING, SOCIABLE? MEET NICE LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE AT
MINGLES - 30s plus DANCE 'n' DATE RENDEZVOUS
(est 1975) UK's ORIGINAL UNATTACHED 30-PLUS CLUB - MEET and MAKE NEW FRIENDS
EVERY SUNDAY 8 'til 12 at the SEABANK HOTEL
FUNCTION SUITE, The Promenade, PORTHCAWL
NEW MEMBERS - FREE MEMBERSHIP WITH THIS AD (ID OF NAME AND ADDRESS REQ.) NO ID - NO ENTRY..ADM £5.
NO DENIM • GENTS FULL BUTTONED SHIRTS (TIES OPTIONAL)
LAST ENTRY 9.30 • 07860 578708 • WWW.MINGLES.CO.UK

Cosmeston Medieval Village
presents on 24th - 25th MAY
History Through the Ages!

Warriors of Ancient Greece
Vikings and Pirates
Soldiers of Queen Victoria
Ladies of the Regency

Royal Welch Fusiliers of Waterloo
MILITARY DISPLAYS & CRAFT STALLS
ALES, WINES & HOG ROAST
For More Information Call 029 20 701678
VALE of GLAMORGAN BRO MORGANNWG
Adults £5.00; Concessions £2.00
Families [2&3] £12.00

Horticultural Weekend
at Dyffryn Gardens
Featuring Cardiff Bonsai Club
23rd - 25th May
10am - 6pm

Walks, talks and demonstrations with Cardiff Bee Society, The Butterfly conservation, Vale of Glamorgan Orchid Society, Cardiff Bonsai Club, flowering arranging and general tours of the gardens.

For more information:
029 2059 3328
www.dyffryngardens.com
dyffryn@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

OCEAN LOUNGE
PORTHKERRY

FRIDAY, 15th MAY
Alan's Karaoke & Disco
Food Served til 9pm

SATURDAY, 16th MAY
EMMA LEE WAGNER
Cabaret Artiste
Food Served til 9pm – Plus BINGO

FRIDAY 22ND MAY
HOLLY WILSON
International Tribute Singer
Food Served til 9pm

SATURDAY, 23rd MAY
THE VAMPIRES
Top Quality Showband
Food Served til 9pm – Plus BINGO

SUNDAY, 24th MAY
SAMANTHA ADAMS
Female Vocalist

TRADITIONAL SUNDAY ROAST
From £6.95
Table Service • Served 12 noon - 2pm

QUIZ NIGHT EVERY THURSDAY
from 8pm - Curry and a Pint £4.95
Full Menu also available

NEXT CAR BOOT SALE SUN 17th MAY

Tel. 01446 710362/711538

Vale trainer notches up 'maiden' win at Tredegar races with the aid of *Slip Duty*

JOHN NORMAN (25), who rides for Vale trainer Tim Vaughan, chalked up his first winner on Robert Rowsell's *Slip Duty* in division one of the maiden race before a bumper crowd over the popular Lower Machen course at the Tredegar Farmers Hunt Steeplechases on Sunday.

Slip Duty, a seven-year-old chesnut gelding who had spent most of the last two years grazing in a field in Ireland until being bought cheaply by owner/trainer Robert Rowsell, jumped the last just in front of *Synisterdexter* and held on to win by a length.

Rowsell, a former rider and show jumper of note himself, was full of praise for his rider, who comes from the Pontypridd area. He claimed *Slip Duty* would have won on his Great Britain debut earlier this season when made favourite, but for swallowing his tongue.

For The Hell Of It, partnered by Nick Williams, made nearly every yard of the running in the second division – and was some 25 lengths clear at one stage – only to get caught just before the line by *Mac Two*, ridden by the talented John Mathias.

Mac Two, who won by half-a-length, is owned and trained by Pembrokeshire National Hunt trainer Dai Rees, who said: "He may have one more run, but he is a next year horse."

If looks are anything to go on, then this *Sunshine Street* five-year-old bay gelding, who ran in bumpers in Ireland, has a bright future ahead of him.

Lucy Jones, riding her husband Simon's *Dancing Credit*, made it four wins on the bounce to win the ladies' open race coming home five lengths ahead of *Mouseen*, and will next run in a Stratford Hunter Chase.

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

Lucy and Simon have had six winners from seven runners this season, *Derawar* having won on two occasions.

Pembrokeshire's Nathan Deakin (16), made nearly all the running on Ingrid Shervington's *Grey Kid* to take the veteran and novice riders club members' race.

Jumping the last in front, *Grey Kid*, who was winning for the fourth time this season including a Hereford Hunter Chase, won by two lengths from *Wishwillow Magic*, and trainer Wyn Morris said a three-and-a-half mile Stratford Hunter Chase is next on the cards for this game 11-year-old.

Welsh champion Rhys Hughes has struck a purple patch and he had a hat trick of wins to go with his recent Banwen four-timer with *Bob Bites Back* (members), *Classic Chance* (restricted) and *Overlut* (men's open).

Bob Bites Back, who is also Stratford-bound, doesn't like being in front so allowed his only two rivals, *CatchtheBug* and *Thyme Of Hope*, to tow him along and, jumping the last in front, won a lot easier than the one-length verdict over *CatchTheBug* suggested.

Justin Bryant's *Classic Chance*, trained by Cowbridge's Margaret Ree, a chance ride for Hughes, made every post a winning one to score by three lengths from *Its Not Chesnut*.

Steve Whistance's *Overlut* had to pull out all the stops after making all in the men's open all to beat the odds-on favourite *Misamon* by a length.

Tredegar Farmers winners: Members: *Bob Bites Back* (Rhys Hughes) 1-12 fav; Restricted: *Classic Chance* (Rhys Hughes) 8-1; Men's Open: *Overlut* (Rhys Hughes) 5-4; Ladies' Open: *Dancing Credit* (Lucy Jones) 1-3 fav; Club Members: *Grey Kid* (Nathan Deakin) 2-5 fav; Maiden Div 1: *Slip Duty* (John Norman) 5-1; Maiden Div 2: *Mac Two* (John Mathias) 5-4 jt, fav.

Please email your sports items to the Editorial Department at: ggem@internet-today.co.uk

Mixed start to the season for Cadoxton's bowlers

THE season opened with the first league match at Barry Athletic on April 23.

Although it was good to start the season with old friends, it was not very successful for Cadoxton.

Rink One: Cadoxton – M Paterson, T Parry, N Clissett, D Davies, 11; Barry Athletic – P House, P Dancy, J Webber and A Hopkins, 31.

The only good thing that can be said about this game was at least Cadoxton reached double figures.

The first three ends yielded 12 for Barry Athletic and Cadoxton were placed in a fight back position from the start.

Luck did not seem to come Cadoxton's way, who were only able to pick up singles on eight ends over the 18 ends.

Rink Two: Cadoxton – A Rees, J Wood, P Cox, M O'Callaghan, 16; Barry Athletic – K Taylor, G Hawkins, M Moore, A Eskins, 17.

This was a very close game with the victory going to Barry Athletic who picked up five shots on the last end.

Rink Three: Cadoxton – J Pycroft, M Slee, D Evans, J Tuck, 21; Barry Athletic – G Kerslake, A Horgan, L Gatt, P Jupp, 14.

Cadoxton were slow finding the green and did not score until the sixth end. Then, having picked up seven shots in the 7/8 end, went from strength to strength for the only victory in the match.

Final score: Cadoxton 48, Barry Athletic 62.

Our second match was an Evening League match at St Fagans on May 5.

Rink One: Cadoxton – Pam Bryant, Pauline Davies, Mollie Paterson, Dot Davies, 29; St Fagans – H Eldridge, B Gibson, S Medlam, M Eldridge, 7.

Cadoxton started very strongly, winning the first five ends and putting St Fagans in a catch-up position from the start. The green was perfect and the Cadoxton team played well with luck being with rather than against.

Rink Two: Cadoxton – Joy Wood, Jean Pycroft, Theresa Parry, Jean Tuck, 6; St Fagans – D Hill, N Aibeary, N Reynolds, L Davies, 25.

Unfortunately, as the scores show, the ladies were unable to find the green and won only five ends of this 18-end match. Cadoxton scored one on the second end and were then unable to score until the 12th, when they started to fight back but were unable to keep it up.

Final score: Cadoxton 35, St Fagans 32.

The second league match versus BP was on May 7 at BP Sully. It was a very cold afternoon, very overcast and most of the teams suffered.

Rink One: Cadoxton – Joy Wood, Mollie Patterson, Peggy Cox, Dot Davies, 16; BP – R Williams, M Smith, S Parker, A Dainton, 15.

Cadoxton started the game with eight shots won in the first two ends. BP played catch-up all afternoon. They caught up well and on gaining one shot on the last end, they lost by only one shot.

Rink Two: Cadoxton – A Rees, J Pycroft, N Clissett, Jean Tuck, 16; BP – L Woodcock, C Harris, M Greenslade, V Morgan, 21.

BP started with a gain of seven shots in the first four ends. Cadoxton recovered and the score on the 14th end of this 18-end match was equal at 15 shots.

BP won three of the last ends to bring their score up to 21 and winning by five shots.

Rink Three: Cadoxton – P Bryant, M Slee, T Parry, M O'Callaghan, 30; BP – B Page, A Mepham, M Clarke, B Stanton, 8.

BP dominated from the start, and little headway could be made by the Cadoxton team. They did rally around in the middle of the game but were unable to make any impression on the score.

Final score: Cadoxton 40, BP 65.

NEW LADIES FOR CADOXTON

IT was with regret we heard that the ladies of Sully Bowling Club were unable to function as a club within the Glamorgan County Women's Bowling Association.

This, due to their falling numbers, means the ladies have had to look to joining other clubs. We at Cadoxton would like to welcome to our club the following ladies: Mrs Paula Currie, Cath Bentley, Anne Davies, Moya Slee, Moira Connibear and Val Weare.

We wish them the greatest of success and happy bowling for many years to come.

Romilly bowlers shade tight game in Carruthers Cup

BARRY Romilly Bowling Club travelled to Gilfach Goch for their WBA Curruthers Cup match which they expected to be a tough encounter – and it was.

On a dry, very blustery day, the match commenced on a green surrounded by picturesque mountains. The green played well, and so did the Romilly boys, winning the match 72-67.

Brian Foscolo's rink of M Newman, D Bannister and M Doyle led from start to finish.

They were 14-2 up after 10 ends, at which point Gilfach served up a tea break.

The game resumed with the home side pulling up their socks and reduced the margin. However, Romilly prevailed and won this rink 19-15.

Alan Bryan's rink of H Jones, R Hewitson and A Burge also had a good win and led from start to finish, which included a 5 on the ninth end for a 18-14 win.

Dave Wright's rink of A Freeman, R Harkus and G Cogbill had a good win with the skip in sparkling form. The only time his rink was not in front was on the 13th end when Gilfach went ahead by one shot.

This was a strong match with Romilly doing very well to win the game 19-17.

Richard Cowling's rink of C Geen, P Gershenson and C Collins drew the short straw and was under pressure from start to finish. However, although they lost the rink 16-21, they did well to preserve the aggregate for their club.

Good win for Romilly A

BARRY Romilly Bowls Club 'A' side entertained Millwood Bowling Club on Saturday in a SVLA match, on a dry but windy day.

Bryn Gough's rink of A Jones, J Jones and M Gershenson turned out to be the hotshots of the match with a winning score of 33-7. Bryn was full of praise for his team and their excellent performance.

Alf Woolcock's rink of A Bumford, D Ford and G Rees also had a good result with a 22-15 win. Alf was also pleased with his team's solid performance.

Bob Wyatt's rink of D Knight, D Ford and C Davies had a close game but unfortunately had to play catch-up throughout. Gerald Kerslade, the Millwood skip, must have been pleased to win this rink 11-18.

Vince McFarland's rink of B Cheal, T Bloomfield and K Clements had a nightmare of a game against Derek Gorringe's Millwood team, who scored a 6 on the way to a big win of 12-29.

However, Romilly won the aggregate – thanks to Alf and Bryn's teams' contributions 78-69.

RH

Vale win bowl in battle at Dunvant

ON Thursday, May 7, the Vale of Glamorgan schoolboys made the trip to Dunvant RFC to compete in the final of the DC Thomas Bowl.

The game started well for the Vale with the forwards on top for much of the first half, winning rucks and mauls and releasing the backs a number of times.

The Pembroke boys fought hard and tackled as if their lives depended on it, but it was inevitable that tries would come for the Vale.

The half was crowned by two tries from Tom Trottman, who was able to outrun the defence after good passing from the backs.

Anton Grigoriou was able to convert one of the tries for the first half to finish 12-0 to the Vale of Glamorgan.

The second half saw the Pembroke boys fired up, and it was backs to the wall for the Vale boys for much of the half.

Pembroke attacked from all areas of the field, and it took some brave defending to keep them out. As the half continued, the Vale boys began to tire and Pembroke managed to score but missed the conversion, making the score 12-5 to the Vale.

The Vale pack found another gear after the try and started to win ball again but found it hard to get out of their own half, so it was a great relief when the referee announced the last play of the game and Sion Jones ran the ball into touch for the final whistle.

What had been a long season for the Vale had ended in victory by 12-5 , and their first trophy one at this level.

There had been some good performances on the day, but the one man who stood out was Caleb Doking, who tackled everything that moved.

The Vale boys would like to thank the coaches for their hard work over the season and the parents for driving all over south Wales at silly times of the morning and some evenings.

SJ

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND QUIZ AND GRAND RAFFLE

BEING held at the Pavilion on Monday, May 25, is a fun quiz and grand raffle, the proceeds going to the Guide Dogs.

Prizes include cuddly toys, DAB radio, several bottles of wines, toiletries, whisky, gin, and many more. There will be prizes for the winners of the quiz.

Please come along, all are welcome. Refreshments will be available.

CDD

Wind is no match for the Glamorgan Hunt golfers

SEVEN brave teams turned out at Southerndown Golf Club for the annual Glamorgan Hunt Golf Day on Friday, May 8.

Windy conditions kept scores down, but there has to be a winner and this year it was the team of Joint Master of the Glamorgan Hunt, Martyn Edwards, who prevailed.

With a good score of 107 points, three stableford scores on each hole, the team were well ahead of the second placed team, Gareth Perkins' 'Silver Foxes', on 88 points.

Caroline Kelly won the ladies' longest drive and husband Julian won nearest the pin, both playing for the NFU team.

The men's longest drive was won by Jamie Gibson from Keith's team.

The winning team, cleverly called 'Master, Field and Footies', consisted of Sarah Morris, Tim Morris, Martyn Edwards and Phillip James (Ozzie).

Many thanks to all who took part and supported the Hunt on the day, and thanks also to Alison, Nicola and Charlotte who provided the much needed refreshments on the 12th, having somehow 'missed' the traditional 10th!

NG

Graham Nelson presenting Jamie Gibson with the longest drive.

Martyn, Ozzie, Sarah and Tim with Graham Nelson.

CLIVE IS THE CAT'S WHISKERS – AS FAR AS SUPPER CLUB IS CONCERNED

AS a coach, Clive Rowlands gave a fire and brimstone dressing room address that brought some players to tears and, as you would expect from a legend of Welsh rugby who has a passion for all things Welsh, TC – as he is affectionately known – had the whole room hanging onto every word as he spoke of his experiences at the top of Welsh and world rugby, and also of life in a special garden of Wales, Cwmtyrch – Upper Cwmtyrch to be precise.

The evening began with a scrumptious meal of homemade bangers and mash, prepared and served by the Fourth Horseshoe Caterers.

David East pointed out the presence of three former Welsh captains, two former Welsh coaches and two former Welsh scrum-halves – not a bad night for VIPs at a busy end of season.

Apologies were received from former Welsh wing Adrian Hadley, and also the irrepressible Alan Bateman, who was turning out for Heol-y-Cyw in a crucial promotion match.

There was a warm welcome for former Bridgend, Wales and Baa-Baas prop John Lloyd who was delighted to return, having enjoyed the Warren Gatland evening.

Of course, the Supper Club boasts its own array of VIPs among its regular attendees, namely Onllwyn Brace, Howard Jones, Graham Hodgson, Tony Horne and Terry Casey, while Llantwit council had a representative in the Mayor's consort Dave Lane.

A special guest at the top table was Don John, editorial consultant of The GEM newspaper, which gives the Supper Club and local sport such tremendous coverage.

The evening was sponsored by Tony 'the Cobbler' Meakin, who was joined by many of the boxing club fraternity.

Last time Tony was at the club he received an award, and the theme of unsung heroes was expanded on again as David East introduced Gordon Kingston, a retired mining geology lecturer at Cardiff University who came to live in Llantwit in 1969, and immediately formed the Llantwit Major Fencing Club. It was initially linked to the youth club, with the school hall as a base, and then evolved its own identity to flourish for 35 years.

Involved since its inception, Gordon was fully engaged in developing youngsters and Llantwit became a key location for the development of Welsh fencing. Not only was Gordon a coach, he was also as an administrator and Welsh selector, and on his recent retirement he was presented with the prestigious Silver Medal by the Great Britain Fencing Association.

He has three sons Stephen, Mark and Mathew who have successfully represented Wales, including the Commonwealth Games.

Llantwit Major was the first club in Wales to produce young fencing developers, trained by Gordon. He no longer coaches at a high level, but expresses keen interest in veteran fencing (over 40s) still taking part at 70-plus as it is a good form of exercise. So many locals have good reason to thank Gordon over the years.

He is truly one of Llantwit Major's unsung heroes and was presented with a commemorative Supper Club Dragon by Clive Rowlands.

Gordon responded that he was pleasantly surprised and very honoured to receive the award among so many elite sportsmen. He said that you never do these things for reward, stressing the massive input by amateurs in many sports who do so much to produce stars past, present and future.

As always, he championed his sport's cause, pointing out the need for cash and publicity to support the all-important grass roots level.

A humorous interlude followed with the raffle when Dr Peter Thomas laid claim to the large bottle of gin, purely for medicinal purposes of course! Many thanks to the other Peter Thomas present, whose fiver actually won the prize but who could not bear to disappoint the popular, highly-respected, octagenarian.

After a short break, David East introduced special guest Daniel Clive Thomas Rowlands, 14 caps for Wales, all as captain.

A talented schoolboy, Clive toured South Africa in 1956 with the Welsh Schools and made his debut for Wales in 1963 against England, partnering Dai Watkins and going on to lead Wales to their first Grand Slam for 13 years in 1965.

He played club rugby for Abercrave, Pontypool, Llanelli and Swansea. He coached Wales (1968-74), winning the Triple Crown and Grand Slam in 1971, a feat that would surely have been repeated in 1972 had the Irish game been played.

His sharp, tactical mind brought out the best of a succession of dazzling Welsh rugby sides and paved the way for the Golden Era of the late 70s. In a dressing room full of big names, he was always the boss hence the nickname Top Cat.

As Benny (Phil Bennet) once said: "Clive was an inspiration, a winner, a character, when they made him they threw away the mould."

An excellent triple jumper as a youngster, he went on to become a teacher, a Welsh captain, the only man in history to have captained, coached, managed and acted as President of Welsh Rugby.

Clive was inducted into the first-ever Welsh Rugby Former International Players Association Hall of Fame, sponsored by Honda, alongside the likes of Harry Bowcott, Viv Jenkins, Dr Jack Mathews, Bleddwyn Williams, Delme Thomas, Gareth Edwards, Ieuan Evans and Neil Jenkins.

Having recovered from cancer in the 90s, he has raised £70,000-plus for cancer charities, boosted by a £425 cheque from the Supper Club.

When Clive rose to speak there was no standing at the top table. Microphone in hand for him – like a biblical scene, the tables parted for Clive to prowl the room like a circus tiger whose cage door had been left open.

Not a note in sight, he spoke from the heart with a nod, a wink, a comforting arm as he noted characters in the room, several of whom he had not seen since his playing days.

He began in Welsh, a first for the Supper Club, to give sincere thanks for the invitation to follow so many famous names. He spoke fondly of Cwmtyrch throughout, as he talked on the theme of how much rugby matters to our nation.

He recalled the infamous '111 game' against Scotland in 1963 which Wales won 6-0, a drop goal from Clive and a penalty kicked by Graham Hodgson.

Wales won the dour contest as the ball was kicked into touch time after time by 'yours truly' at scrum-half, to yield 111 lineouts and bring about the law change which has helped shape the modern game.

As Clive says, he got the blame but he's sure Dai Watkins and Graham Hodgson kicked the ball out once or twice.

He approached Onllwyn Brace, another great Welsh scrum-half, who, for his sins, had taught Clive how to kick. Onllwyn quickly pointed out he may have taught him how to kick, but not when.

The game brought the late great rugby writer JBG Thomas to muse that he would write Clive's obituary headline as 'Clive kicks the bucket'. As a 10-year-old at the time, all I can remember is Wales winning and Clive and his team arrived back in Wales as heroes.

The theme of Clive's talk was caring is important, and Wales winning is important, and how much rugby success matters to the Welsh nation, the so-called feel good factor.

Clive then spotted John Lloyd, a unanimous choice as skipper by his contemporaries when Clive was in charge of the Welsh team, and a great servant to Welsh rugby as player, captain and coach.

He said John was the first of a new breed of front row forward, fortunate that Bridgend and Llantwit favourite Brian Jones had taught him all he knew, Clive then approached Brian's table to shake his hand and say how unlucky he had been not to be capped.

The Welsh tour to New Zealand in 1969 was another topic to keep everyone engrossed, with coach Clive causing a stir by suggesting that the All Blacks best back, Sid Going, would not get in the Cwmtyrch under-11s.

Fergie McCormack's boot condemned Wales to defeat, despite Wales fielding a backline of JPR, Maurice Richards, John Dawes, Keith Jarrett, Gerald Davies, Barry John and Gareth Edwards.

Clive's other retort that Wales could always go back home and beat England also raised a few eyebrows in the press.

They say that behind every good man there is a good woman and Clive revealed his wife Margaret's influence on his rugby career, with her considerable knowledge of the game derived from growing up with five elder rugby-mad brothers, the well-known Jeffrey boys.

Clive then reiterated that rugby matters so much to so many. What is so great about rugby is the people. He highlighted Graham Hodgson saying that the modern game has no better punter of the ball and how he and Graham were friends for life.

Clive chatted about another great rugby friend, the wonderful Waka Nathan, one of many stories that kept everyone riveted.

Clive stated how much it meant to him personally to have represented his country, and he was so passionate and vivid in detail that you could almost smell the liniment in the Welsh changing room.

He may have gone around the houses once or twice, but he always came down to earth in Cwmtyrch.

Clive's humour was brilliant, often subtle with his beaming, cheeky scrum-half smile showing a man content with his hectic 71 years. It is obvious he would swap nothing from a wonderful past.

His references to Cwmtyrch and its links with Royalty and the Higher Clergy were hilarious, and he finished the evening by thanking everyone for listening, encouraging the Supper Club to keep it going as it is a marvellous occasion.

Everyone in the room rose as one to give Clive a richly-deserved standing ovation, and he was presented with a special Supper Club Dragon by Llantwit Major RFC chairman Mike Hill.

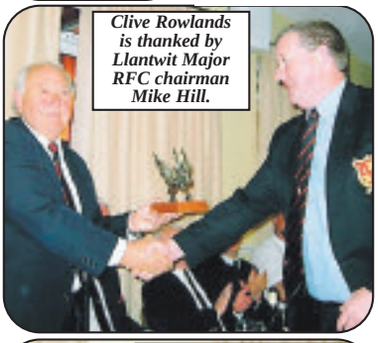
What made Clive such an exceptional guest was not only his oratory and vivid recollection of a lifetime of wonderful experiences, but also the time he took to speak to individuals and groups both before and after the function.

DAI GRIFFITHS

ABOVE (left): Clive Rowlands in full cry,

ABOVE: MC David East opens the proceedings.

LEFT: Gordon Kingston who formed Llantwit Major Fencing Club.



Clive Rowlands is thanked by Llantwit Major RFC chairman Mike Hill.

Clive Rowlands congratulates Gordon Kingston.

Southerndown Surf Club youngsters in Welsh finals

ABOVE: The under-12 years entered the Welsh National Surf contest. Left to right: Josh Brace (10), Cieran Hughes (nine), Owen Alexander (11), Tyler Rogers (11) and Callum Howell (10).

ON bank holiday weekend (May 2-3), a small contingent from Southerndown Surf Club braved the surf (and cold nights camping) to test their skills against the best surfers in Wales, at the Quicksilver Welsh National Surfing Championships, at Freshwater West, Pembroke.

Surfers from all over the country turned up to participate in the event.

Josh Brace, Cieran Hughes, Owen Alexander, Tyler Rogers and Callum Howell (left to right in photo) all entered the under-12 category, with Rhys Alexander and Danny Rogers entering the under-18 category.

The under-18s was held in solid five - six foot surf, where both Rhys and Danny put on good performances.

All the under-12s surfed well, with Owen, Josh, Callum and Cieran progressing through to the semi finals. There they battled it out in challenging surf conditions, and two close fought semi-finals saw Cieran and Owen make it through to the final.

The final was again very close between Cieran and Owen for third and fourth places. With mums and dads biting fingernails, the eventual result saw Cieran in third place and Owen in fourth, with Callum and Josh placed equal fifth.

In a great atmosphere on a sunny weekend in Pembroke everyone had a fantastic time, with two of Southerndown Surf Club members coming away with trophies. Well done to all who entered, the club and coaches are very proud.

Southerndown Surf Club was formed last April by the parents and children of Ogmore-by Sea, Southerndown and St Brides Major and with the help of a Community Chest Grant from the Vale of Glamorgan CC.

NICK HOWELL

EMAIL US!

● WE welcome your news, views and sports items. Please email them to the Editorial Department at: ggem@internet-today.co.uk

ANTHONY BROWN LTD.

ESTATE AGENTS AND SURVEYORS, LLANTWIT MAJOR CF61 1XY

A personal service - whether you're buying or selling

Tel: 01446 792723 Fax 01446 793267

NAEA

LLANTWIT MAJOR-£199,750

Well maintained stone built three bedroom terrace cottage enjoying all modern facilities and situated in the West End of town comprising Living Room, Fitted Kitchen/Dining Room, Modern ground floor bathroom, En-suite shower room to master bedroom. Garden to front and stone built workshop presently used as a playroom/study to the rear with further lawn area. Freehold. Ref 374D

NEW PRICE

LLANTWIT MAJOR - £90,000

Modern three bedroom mid link house comprising Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/ Diner, Rear Hall, Cloakroom, Bathroom/ WC. Part UPVC double glazed. Gas fired central heating. Garden to front and rear with off road parking. Freehold. Ref 376D

LLANTWIT MAJOR - £159,950

Modern three bedroom end of link house with conservatory situated in a cul-de-sac comprising Hallway, Lounge, Dining room, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom/WC. Gas fired central heating. Double glazed windows and doors. Open plan garden to front, paved hardstanding for off road parking to the side and landscaped rear garden. Freehold. Ref 397D

LLANTWIT MAJOR - £174,950

Modern three bedroom semi-detached house situated in a cul-de-sac comprising Hallway, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining area, purpose built Conservatory, modern fitted Kitchen, Bathroom/WC. Gas fired central heating. UPVC double glazed windows. Driveway and open plan garden to front and enclosed rear garden. Freehold. Ref 424D

LLANTWIT MAJOR - £299,995

Well maintained spacious modern four bedroom detached house with Garage and Conservatory comprising Hallway, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining room, Modern fully fitted Kitchen, Breakfast Room, Utility Room, En-suite Bathroom plus Family Bathroom. Gas fired central heating and UPVC double glazing. Driveway and gardens to front and rear. Freehold Ref 430D

LLANTWIT MAJOR - £450,000

The Curriers Guest house formerly known as the 'Currier Arms' and prior two cottages built Circa 1800 situated in the conservation area of the town. Two independent entrances comprising four reception rooms, two kitchens, six bedrooms with H & C facilities, two bathrooms and shower room. Gas central heating. All regulations in place. Guest House or family residence. Freehold Ref 431D

LLANTWIT MAJOR - £239,500

Established three bedroom detached bungalow and garage situated in a cul-de-sac comprising Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room, small en-suite to bedroom one, Modern Bathroom/WC. Gas fired central heating. UPVC double glazed windows and doors. Driveway and gardens to front and rear. Freehold. Ref 432D

LLANTWIT MAJOR - £119,500

Modern well maintained three bedroom link house comprising Hallway, Cloakroom, Lounge, recently re-fitted modern Kitchen/ Diner, Luxury Bathroom. Ground floor internal doors and skirting in pinewood. Gas central heating. UPVC double glazed windows and doors. Open plan to front and enclosed low maintenance rear garden. Parking . Freehold. Ref 433D.

LLANTWIT MAJOR - £179,995

Well maintained three bedroom semi-detached house and garage situated in a cul-de-sac comprising UPVC porch, Hallway, Lounge, Refurbished Kitchen/Diner with French doors to rear garden, Refurbished Bathroom/WC. Gas fired central heating. UPVC double glazing. Driveway and established gardens to front and rear. Freehold. Ref 434D

LLANTWIT MAJOR - £174,950

Established well maintained extended three bedroom semi-detached house and garage comprising Lounge, Dining room with patio doors to rear, modern well fitted Kitchen, Modern Bathroom. Office area within the roof space. Double glazed windows and doors. Gas fired central heating. Paved driveway and garden to front and rear. Freehold Ref 435D.

NEW PRICE

LLANTWIT MAJOR - £265,000

Modern four bedroom detached house with double garage and purpose built conservatory to the rear comprising Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Cloakroom, Well fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, En-suite shower room, Family Bathroom. Gas central heating. Double glazed windows. Driveway and garden to front and good size rear garden. Freehold Ref 436D

WEST VALE, ST ATHAN - £117,000

Modern two bedroom mid terrace house comprising Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Modern Bathroom, Storage Room. UPVC double glazed windows. Gas fired central heating. Open plan garden to front and good size rear garden. Freehold. Ref 438D

NEW

LLANTWIT MAJOR - £306,000

Individually designed three bedroom detached house and garage comprising Hallway, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen/ Breakfast Room, Spacious Bathroom. UPVC double glazed windows and doors. Cavity wall insulation. Gas fired central heating. Driveway and good size mature gardens. Freehold. Ref 427D

NEW

LLANTWIT MAJOR - £164,950

Modern three bedroom end of link dwelling house with conservatory to the rear comprising Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/ Diner with patio doors to Conservatory. Double glazed windows. Gas fired central heating. Open plan garden to front and private rear garden. Driveway to the side. Freehold. Ref 439D

NEW

LLANTWIT MAJOR - £210,000

Modern three/four detached house with garage situated in a cul-de-sac comprising Hallway, Lounge, Dining Area, Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, En-suite to master bedroom, Family Bathroom. Gas central heating. Double glazed windows. Driveway and garden to front and rear. Freehold. Ref 441D

NEW

LLANTWIT MAJOR - £129,000

Modern two bedroom semi-detached house comprising Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/ Breakfast room with patio doors leading to rear garden, Modern Bathroom. Gas central heating. UPVC double glazing. Driveway and gardens to front and rear. Freehold. Ref 442D

NEW

LLANTWIT MAJOR - £100,000

Modern well maintained three bedroom link property comprising Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/ Dining room, Ground floor cloakroom, Bathroom/ WC. Gas fired central heating. UPVC double glazed windows and doors. Low maintenance garden. Freehold £100,000 Ref 443D

LLANTWIT MAJOR - £169,500

NEW

Well maintained modern three bedroom end of link dwelling house and garage comprising Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room with patio doors to rear, Fitted Kitchen, Modern Bathroom. Gas central heating. UPVC double glazed windows. Cloakroom and utility area to rear of garage. Driveway and garden to front and rear. Summerhouse and greenhouse to remain. Freehold. Ref 444D

Visit our website for all our listed properties - www.anthonybrownltd.co.uk

Imagine the finest estate agent... selling your home

www.chris-davies.co.uk

Chris Davies

residential sales & lettings

Lettings 01446 711900

1 BEDROOM

Woodlands Road, Barry.....£435pcm
Romanza House, Barry £475pcm
Woodlands Road, Barry.....£475pcm

2 BEDROOMS

Plas Cleddau, Barry.....£450pcm
Partridge Road, Barry £450pcm
Magpie Road, St Athan £450pcm
Pinewood Square, St Athan.....£450pcm
Blackbird Way, St Athan.....£450pcm
Meadowcroft, Rhoose £450pcm
Beaufort Way, Rhoose £450pcm
Ash Lane, St Athan £475pcm
Eagle Road, St Athan £475pcm
Woodlands Road, Barry.....£475pcm
Mount Pleasant, Barry.....£475pcm
Woodlands Road, Barry.....£475pcm
Murlande Way, Rhoose £475pcm
Havant Close, Rhoose.....£495pcm
Heol Gwendoline, Barry.....£495pcm
The Wheate Close, Rhoose.....£500pcm
Hearte Close, Rhoose £500pcm
Courtlands Park Rd, Barry.....£500pcm
Clive Road, Barry Island £525pcm
The Wheate Close, Rhoose.....£525pcm

3 BEDROOMS

Cyril Street, Barry £475pcm
George Street, Barry £495pcm
Lougher Place £600pcm
Cwrt Newton Pool, Rhoose £625pcm
Gibbonsdown Close, Barry £625pcm
Readers Way, Rhoose £650pcm
Picton Road, Rhoose.....£650pcm
Eurgan Close, Llantwit Major....£650pcm
Heol y Fro, Llantwit Major £675pcm
Old Market, Wenvoe £720pcm
Threeships Court, Mumbles.....£750pcm

4 BEDROOMS

Lon Lindys, Rhoose Point.....£1,200pcm
Porfa Ballas, Rhoose Point.....£1,500pcm

lettings@chris-davies.co.uk

PROPERTY WANTED

Llantwit Major 01446 791963
3 bed Illtyd Avenue or similar
2 bedroom Pentre Cwrt
Period character properties

St Athan 01446 791963
2 & 3 bedrooms investment properties on East Vale
Freehold commercial properties

Rhoose 01446 709945
2 bedroom Hollies/Llanmead Gardens
Property South Side Fontygary Road

Barry 01446 709945
2 bedroom Highlight Park & Greenacres

Cardiff & Vale 029 2055 5050
4/5 bedroom detached Llandaff Village
Freehold properties with sitting tenants
Commercial freeholds (sale and lease-back)
Freehold Cowbridge with A2 use

Ringwood Crescent, St Athan

3-storey, 8 bed detached **£435,000**

Scott Close, St Athan

3 bed family value **£84,950**

Cwrt y Cadno, Llantwit Major

2 bed semi with garage **£129,950**

Lougher Place, St Athan

3 bed great family value **£110,000**

Tudor Place, Llantwit Major

3 bed traditional semi **£139,950**

Cwrt y Cadno, Llantwit Major

3 bed end property with garage **£154,950**

Illtyd Avenue, Llantwit Major

3 bed traditional semi **£165,000**

Four Acre, Llantwit Major

3 bed mature semi **£159,950**

Llantwit Major 01446 792020

Mayflower Way, Rhoose

4 bed detached with conservatory **£299,950**

Lower Farm Court, Rhoose

tens of Thousands spent! **£380,000**

Rhoose 01446 711900

Heol Gwendoline, Barry

2 bed, middle floor flat, 1 of 6 **£99,950**

Heol Gylinir, Barry Island

Fabulous semi with 2 en-suites **£179,950**

Barry 01446 700007

Don't risk your biggest asset to uncertainty - take advantage of our 20 years experience

WINNER
Residential Estate Agents of the Year

Western Mail and Principality Welsh Property Awards

A trusted professional estate agent since 1989

Advertise your home with Chris Davies and Rightmove

rightmove.co.uk

make sure your property reaches 2 out of 3 people when they search for a property on Rightmove

NAEA
National Association of Estate Agents

Chris Davies is committed to on-going training and qualifications to ensure you receive the finest service possible.

OEA Ombudsman Scheme

OFT Approved code

The OEA and OFT ensures that only the highest standards are maintained to protect your largest financial asset.

For a full selection of sales and lettings please visit www.chris-davies.co.uk

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5:00PM 20 May 2009

Coming soon – BID BY TEXT!

Vale of Glamorgan Council · Hafod Housing Association · Newydd Housing Association · Wales and West Housing Association

HOMES4U HOTLINE

01446 709840
01446 704316

To apply call the hotline, e-mail us at
HOMES4U@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk
or apply in writing to:
Vale of Glamorgan Council
Housing and Community Safety Division
Civic Offices Holton Road,
Barry CF63 4RU or
Newydd Housing Association
121 Broad Street, Barry CF62 7AL

AWBERY HOUSE, BARRY

H4U Reference 201331
Suitable for a single person couple or small family– no pets
- Two-bedroom flat
- Fourth floor
- Central heating
- Double glazing

Rent £74.29 per week including water charges

BELLE VUE, PENARTH

H4U Reference 242957
Suit. for a single person or couple over 55 – no pets
- One-bedroom flat
- Ground floor
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Community alarm

Rent £77.75 per week including alarm and water charges

BRECON COURT, BARRY

H4U Reference 202347
Suit. for a single person or couple over 60 – no pets
- Ground floor bedsit
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Community alarm
- Communal gardens

Rent £76.33 per week including alarm and water charges

CAE STUMPIE. COWBRIDGE

H4U Reference 229929
Suit. for a single person or couple over 55 – no pets
- One-bedroom flat
- First floor
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Community alarm

Rent £73.98 pw including alarm and water charges

CLOS LLAWHADEN, BARRY

H4U Reference 1027710
Suitable for families
- Two-bedroom house
- Gas central heating
- Double-glazing
- Enclosed rear gardens
- Parking

Rent £73.77 per week including service charge

CWRT MELIN Y RHOS, BARRY

H4U Reference 1027709
Suit. for a single person or couple over 40 – no pets
- One bedroom flat
- Ground floor
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Communal entrance
- Parking

Rent £66.82 per week including service charge

DYLAN CRESCENT, BARRY

H4U Reference 208353
Suitable for families
- Three-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double-glazing
- Gardens

Rent £81.42 per week including water charges

DYLAN CRESCENT, BARRY

H4U Reference 208377
Suitable for families
Priority given to applicants who require a walk-in shower
- Three-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double-glazing
- Gardens

Rent £81.42 per week including water charges

FAIROAKS, DINAS POWYS

H4U Reference 230667
Suit. for a single person or couple over 60 – no pets
- One-bedroom flat
- Ground floor
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Warden and alarm

Rent £90.06 pw inc. alarm warden and water charges

HARLECH GARDENS, BARRY

H4U Reference 211130
Suit. for a single person or couple over 40 – no pets
- One-bedroom flat
- First floor
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Communal entrance

Rent £61.88 per week

MARINERS WAY, RHOOSE

H4U Reference 1027721
Suitable for a family
- Three-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Gardens

Rent £77.03 per week including service charge

MEIRION CLOSE, BARRY

H4U Reference 216087
Suitable for a single person couple or small family– no pets
- Two-bedroom flat
- First floor
- Central heating
- Double glazing

Rent £68.28 per week including water charges

FEEDBACK

Address	Bids	Band	Reg.
AMHERST CRES	34	SILVER	13/05/04
ARDEN WAY	85	GOLD	29/10/08
ARNO ROAD	145	GOLD	22/04/08
BEDFORD RISE	77	GOLD	19/06/08
CAE CANOL	144	GOLD	17/06/08
CASTLE ROAD	60	GOLD	04/02/08
COURT ROAD	34	GOLD	05/09/08
CRAWSHAY CT	35	GOLD	29/06/07
CWM PARC	17	SILVER	09/03/09
CYNAN CLOSE	30	GOLD	22/01/08
DUNLIN COURT	50	GOLD	21/10/08
EDWARD STREET	48	GOLD	27/10/08
ELIS FISHER CT	17	SILVER	13/12/07
HEOL LLONGAU	37	GOLD	0/03/08
HILLARY RISE	132	GOLD	02/07/07
LALESTON CL	40	GOLD	25/06/08
LALESTON CL	55	GOLD	21/01/09
MAGELLAN CL	109	GOLD	05/08/08
MERGANSER CT	62	GOLD	08/08/08
MILTON ROAD	81	GOLD	01/08/08
NARBERTH CT	44	GOLD	31/10/08
PHYLLIS STREET	33	SILVER	14/11/07
PORTHKERRY RD	32	GOLD	07/06/02
PROCTOR CLOSE	35	EMC	04/03/09
SEVERN AVENUE	12	GOLD	12/03/09
ST CATHERINES CT	59	GOLD	04/03/08
STRATFORD GR	76	GOLD	26/06/08
TENSING TRRCE	14	BRONZE	09/03/07
WINIFRED AV	105	GOLD	29/09/08

REDLANDS AVENUE, PENARTH

H4U Reference 243614
Suit. for a single person or couple over 55 – no pets
- One-bedroom flat
- First floor
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Warden and alarm

Rent £90.71 pw inc. alarm warden and water charges

REDLANDS HOUSE, PENARTH (2)

H4U Refs 243884/243896
Suit. for a single person over 60 – no pets
- Bedsit (2)
- Ground floor
- Central heating
- Double glazing
- Warden and alarm

Rent £95.99 pw inc. alarm warden and water charges

SOUTH VIEW, RHOOSE

H4U Reference 247701
Suitable for families
- Three-bedroom house
- Central heating
- Double-glazing
- Gardens

Rent £87.18 per week including water charges

ST BARUCHS CT, BARRY ISLAND

H4U Reference 1008431
Suitable for a single person over 55
- Studio apartment
- Gas central heating
- Double-glazing
- Level entrance

Rent £51.89 per week including service charge

ST PAULS AVENUE, PENARTH

H4U Reference 245765
Suitable for a single person, couple or family – no pets
- Two-bedroom flat
- Second floor
- Central heating
- Double glazing

Rent £73.04 per week including water charges

TREHARNE ROAD, BARRY

H4U Reference 226460
Suitable for a single person, couple or family – no pets
- Two-bedroom flat
- First floor
- Central heating
- Double glazing

Rent £68.62 per week including water charges

TY GWENFO, BARRY

H4U Reference 997435
Suitable for a single person – no pets
- One bedroom flat
- Second floor (no lift)
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Communal entrance
- Communal gerdens

Rent £66.81 per week including service charge

WEST WALK, BARRY

H4U Reference
Suitable for a single person or couple over 40 – no pets
- One-bedroom flat
- First floor
- Central heating
- Double glazing

Rent £75.68 per week including water charges

WILLIAMS CRESCENT, BARRY (2)

H4U Refs 228195/228224
Suitable for a single person, couple or small family – no pets
- Two-bedroom flats (2)
- First and second floors
- Central heating
- Double glazing

Rent £70.87 per week including water charges

You must be a HOMES4U member to apply for any of these homes. When bidding for more than one property you will be asked to state your order of preference. All descriptions and other details are given in good faith and are believed to be correct but any potential tenant should satisfy themselves as to their correctness. Newydd is a charitable housing association.

VALE of GLAMORGAN BRO MORGANNWG · Newydd · Wales & West Housing Association · HAFOD

Aerials and Satellite

ARE YOU READY FOR DIGITAL?

digital Approved Installer

OneVision DIGITAL

FREE ESTIMATES
FREE SKY DIGITAL
Domestic & Commercial
Discount for OAP's
All work guaranteed for 12 months

FREE INSTALLATION
SAME DAY SERVICE
24 Hour 7 Day Service
Motorised & Fixed Systems
● Italian ● French ● Turkish
● Arabic ● Spanish ● Polish

Digital Aerials supplied and fitted repaired and adjusted
Digital switchover specialists
RDI approved installers

SONY TOSHIBA Panasonic DTV Freeview SAMSUNG Sky

• Limited Offer: New Sky Plus Digital Systems Free +
Free standard installation • Sky High Definition from £29
Telephone Paul Williams 0800 731 4583
www.onevisionltd.com

cai MasterCard VISA

Blinds and Curtains

solar create the mood...

INTRODUCTORY OFFER
15% OFF
NEW SPRING RANGES

solar

BLINDS
AWNINGS
WINDOW FILM
@ DAYTONA

01446 740842
sales@solarsunshades.co.uk www.solarsunshades.co.uk
Unit 3F, Palmersvale Business Centre, Palmerston Road, BARRY

BLINDS
AWNINGS
WINDOW FILM

01656 663800
sales@solarsunshades.co.uk www.solarsunshades.co.uk
North Road, Bridgend Ind. Est, BRIDGEND CF31 3TP
(*Interest free available, details on request, subject to status)

24 *monthly interest free payments

Spring Blinds SALE

3 for £99 selected VERTICALS

Offer subject to availability. Conditions apply.

FREE measuring & fitting
FAST local service
FIRST choice for blinds since 1971
Verticals, Rollers, Venetians, Romans, Pleateds, Conservatory blinds & Awnings

CALL NOW!
0800 916 6563
8.30am-9pm weekdays, 9am-5pm weekends
www.hillarys.co.uk

Hillarys BLINDS

MEGARAY AERIAL & SATELLITE SERVICES
(over 36 years experience)
REGISTERED DIGITAL INSTALLER.
We install all types of digital equipment:
Sky+ & Sky+HD, FreeSat HD, FreeView boxes, PVRs, Digital Aerials at competitive prices.
Sky+ £29 Free Fitting • Sky+HD £49 Free Fitting
Tel: 0800 980 4181 • 07966 283002

VALE DIGITAL
AERIAL & SATELLITE SERVICES
DIGITAL AERIAL SPECIALIST
Freeview & Freesat specialist
Sky & Freesat HD systems installed
LCD & Plasma wall brackets supplied & fitted
Tel: Tim on 01446 793189 • 0777 220 6399 anytime
Competitive prices • Free Estimates • 7 Day Service
COVERING ALL AREAS

Artexing

FIRST CLASS ARTEXING
All patterns available, also coving and paper hanging service.
Free estimates
Tel: Mark
01656 744966
Mobile: 07788 738074

1st Digital Aerials
FreeView digital aerial specialists.
Aerial meter tested by qualified engineers.
Multi Room systems. All with 1 year guarantee.
For friendly advice, contact
Tel Adrian Whitlow on
01446 747875/07912 294703
www.1st-digitalaerials.com

AERIAL SATELLITE SUPER SERVICE
21 years in your area.
Prompt and reliable service at unbeatable prices.
Aerials or
FREE SKY DIGITAL
installed, repaired or adjusted with discounts for OAPs or unemployed.
Contact us now for advice or any service – 7 days a week
Tel: Colin Williams on Freephone 0800 317536
or mobile: (07973) 135187

Architectural Services

Architectural Plans Drawn
• Extensions
• Loft Conversions
• Garages etc.
Competitive rates, help & advice given.
Free onsite survey.
Tel: Dave on
07759 384884
planspeople@aol.com

Carpet Services

CARPET FITTER
AVAILABLE FOR
ALL TYPES OF WORK
New, used, restretch/repair.
Samples available for home selection.
Tel: Steve 01656 768120
or 07774 807111
anytime

3 GOOD REASONS
1 FREE Fitting
2 FREE Quotation
3 5 Year Guarantee

3 BLINDS FOR £99 VERTICALS

Freephone:
0500 295192
Made in Wales.....Proud to be Welsh
One offer per Household - Selected Ranges 80" X 80" Maximum

Building Services

GRABit PLANT HIRE LTD
Groundwork, Building & Civil Engineering Contractors
327 Vale Enterprise Centre, Hayes Road, Sully CF64 5SY
Tel: 01446 700 535/Fax: 01446 738 085

• Building & Civil Engineering Contractors
• All size plant with drivers for hire
• Footings to DPC
• Demolition
• Concrete Raft, Structural Works
• Grab Hire Service
• Site Clearance
• Registered Waste Carriers
• Garden Landscaping/Paving/Slabbing/Dropkerbs & Tarmac
For advice & free quote, call Wendy on 01446 700535

S and R Construction
Please call
01446 400973/
07948 523118
or E-Mail your details to
sandrconstruction@hotmail.co.uk
References Available

G Burniston
General Builder/ Carpenter
No job too small.
29 years in the trade.
Tel. 01446 403094
Mobile: 07773 218077

R. JONES
Building Maintenance
All types of Building Work
Fencing, Decking, Painting
Plastering, Roofing,
uPVC Facias, Gutters,
Windows & Doors,
Tiling & Bathrooms
NO JOB TOO SMALL
Tel. 01446 402830

MASONWISE BUILDERS
Barry
742928
• Extensions
• Grant Work
• Roofs
• Conservatories
• Patio/Drives
• Fibreglass Flat Roofs
Estimates Free
44 Newlands Street, Barry

PHOENIX Construction
All aspects of Building and Landscaping undertaken
01446 402472
or 07825 270681

GUY FORD
Quality Plastering Service
No job too small
FREE QUOTES
07812093098

1st CHOICE CLEANING SERVICES
• Clean/Sanitise Carpets and Upholstery
• One price - No extras.
• Pet Odour/Stain Removal
• Protective Treatments
• Leather suite cleaned & fed
Local, reliable & Professional
01446 737695
07930 157952

STEVE SEGUST FLOORING
Carpet Fitting, Refitting & Repair Service Available
~ Est 1987 ~
Choose from the comfort of your own home.
Free quotations, fitting, underlay and gripper.
All types of flooring available with a huge range of samples to choose from.
Best prices around.
Call any time...
01656 768120
or 07774 807111

VALE CARPETS
The Carpet Shop that comes to you
100's of Carpet & Vinyl samples
Established since 1980
Also Carpet, Upholstery Cleaning
Tel: Paul Wright
01446 751152
07811 092477

VALE BLINDS (Wales) Ltd
• Vertical Blinds • Roller Blinds
• Venetian Blinds • Roman Blinds
• Velux Blinds • Curtain Rails/Poles
• Repairs & Servicing Undertaken
• Awnings & Shutters
Tel: (01446) 710304 / 07792 733443

Carpentry

GS Carpentry & Building
All types of work undertaken.
Doors & Windows.
Decking & Flooring.
Bathrooms & Kitchens.
Free Kitchen Design
Tel: 07900 374194
01446 407889

ARI BUILDERS
Established 25 Years
★ Complete Building Works
★ Special Repairs ★ Loft Conversions
★ Extensions ★ Property Refurbishment
ESTIMATES SUPPLIED
Tel. 01446 406719/07812 366916

B. W. Construction and Property Maintenance
• GENERAL BUILDING
• CARPENTRY & JOINERY
• KITCHEN FITTING
• PLASTERING
• BRICKLAYING
• PATIOS AND BLOCK PAVING
• DECKING AND GARDEN DESIGN
• ELECTRICAL & PLUMBING
24 HOUR CALL OUT
For the professional touch, phone for free estimate with no obligation
No sales people, no middle man, no problem
01446 713814 07742 572731

C. ANDERSON (BARRY) LTD
Est 1949
General Builders & Property Maintenance Specialists
Roofing, Fascias & Gutters, Plastering, Carpentry, Decoration, Renovations & Extensions
Free Estimates
Tel. 01446 737291

Partridge & Barratt
STONE MASONRY & CONSTRUCTION
Stone Cleaning & Restoration
Architectural Stone Carving
Traditional Brick & Block Work
CALL FOR A FREE QUOTE
01446 733432
07512 901641

Is your business quiet at the moment?
GIVE US A CALL - use The GEM to reach potential customers from Penarth to Porthcawl.
Call us on
01446 774484

BLIND SALE
OUR NAME IS OUR GUARANTEE
STARLINE
AWNINGS & BLINDS
'NEW SHOWROOMS' UNIT 3 & 4
WESTERN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE CAERPHILLY CF83 1BQ
www.starline-blinds.co.uk
TEL: (029) 2086 0631

AJP CARPENTRY & JOINERY
Plus Plastering and Tiling
30 Years Experience
Large and Small Jobs
Tel. 01446 719198/
07834 524 985

barry-today.co.uk
cowbridge-today.co.uk
llantwit-major-today.co.uk
porthcawl-today.co.uk
bridgend-today.co.uk

Glamorgan GEM Websites
News, Sport,
Letters, Features, What's On,
Jobs, Motors....

barry-today.co.uk
cowbridge-today.co.uk
llantwit-major-today.co.uk
porthcawl-today.co.uk
bridgend-today.co.uk

Glamorgan GEM Websites
News, Sport, Letters, Features, What's On, Jobs, Motors....

Bathroom Specialists

Apollo Bathroom Specialists
Domestic & Commercial
Professional & Reliable Craftsmen
Tel. 01656 743521
www.apollotiling.co.uk

Clock Restoration

Antique Clock Restoration
www.mjmclocks.co.uk
01446 737466

Computer Services

Computer Problems?
WE FIX THEM!
crystal-it
info@crystal-it.co.uk - www.crystal-it.co.uk
Home visits
Evenings and weekends available
01446 700885
Computer HELP when you need IT

AB COMPUTER SERVICES
TUITION - BROADBAND
WIRELESS NETWORKS
REPAIRS & INSTALLATION
For home or office
Tel: 07811 422 946
27 High St, Cowbridge
www.andrewbeddard.co.uk

HD Computer Solutions
- All problems fixed
- Fast, reliable, on-site service
- Friendly advice freely given
- No fix, no fee
- Free callout

Tel 01446 773158
07779 713604 anytime

LITCHARD COMPUTERS
TUITION:
Word, Excel, Internet
REPAIRS:
'No Fix, No Fee', No Jargon
SET-UP:
Internet, Networks, Backups
Prices from £10/hour, call Jeff
Office 8-8 01656 768340
Mobile 24/7 07900 228659
Confidentiality guaranteed

Curtains

OMEGA INTERIORS
FREE Curtain Pole with every Curtain Set *(restrictions apply)*
Made to measure curtains, designed in the comfort of your own home. Free consultation, free delivery, free fitting.
Large selection of fabrics.
Phone today for an appointment
01656 648669
or 07740 203953

Decorating Services

The Guild of Master Craftsmen
Certificates of Quality & Service
JOHN CLISSETT
INTERIOR & EXTERIOR
PAINTING & DECORATING
Free estimates - unbeatable prices!
T: 01446 750625 M: 07980 691584

Cowbridge Decorating Company
Interior & Exterior Work Undertaken
- Clean, Tidy & Reliable
- Insurance Work Undertaken
- uPVC Soffits, Fascias & Guttering

✔ *Domestic and Commercial*
✔ *Free Estimates & Quotations*

01446 771137
Cowbridge · Mobile: 07973 628842
e-mail: cdc137@hotmail.com

RAY PRICE LTD
Painting & Decorating
30 Years Experience
All Work Guaranteed
FREE ESTIMATES
01656 864482
C/A

STEVE AIREY
Decorating Services
For a Free Quote . . .
Internal & External Painting and Decorating. Fully qualified.
01446 795520
07891 768151

Disposal Services

Acorn
Cesspit and Septic Tank Clearance
Domestic and trade enquiries welcome
Unbeatable prices
Phone: 01656 862414
Mobile: 07779 255639

Alpha RUBBISH REMOVAL
All waste recycled
House, Garage, Garden Clearance etc.
SKIP HIRE & DEMOLITION
Licenced Waste Carriers
Tel: 01446 701707

Driving Tuition

Cats Eyes Driving School Ltd
- Learn at 14 - no driving licence required
- Student/Nurse discounts
- Horsebox/Caravan training

Call for Special Offers: 0800 0280 406
01446 793644/794899
www.catseyesdrivingschool.co.uk

LANEWISE DRIVING SCHOOL
FIRST 3 HOURS *for £25.50*
OR FIRST 10 HOURS *from £117*
FOR TOTAL BEGINNERS
01446 719555
07798 501267

SUNNYSIDE
SCHOOL OF MOTORING
DoT, ADI, RoSPA (Gold Award)
Pass Plus Registered.
Punctual, patient & reliable instruction. Pick-up Service.
Theory tuition if required.
Tel. (01656) 658108
Mobile: 07968 230465

PAL
SCHOOL FOR DRIVING
EXTRA SPECIAL DEALS ON BLOCK BOOKINGS
Intensive Courses
Manual & Automatic
Male & Female Instructors
www.paldrive.co.uk
0800 783 6183
07976 981676

Advertise your business with **The GEM**
call on 01446 774484

Electrical Service & Repairs

T.R.S. REPAIR SHOP
Domestic Appliance Repairs & Spares
Refurbished Appliances On Sale
REPAIRS & SPARES FOR
- WASHING MACHINES
- COOKERS
- TUMBLE DRYERS
- FRIDGE/FREEZERS
- VACUUM CLEANERS

ALL MAKES INCLUDING
HOTPOINT - CREDA - CANDY - HOOVER - ZANUSSI - INDESIT
Local
08456 804 806
DYSON REPAIR SPECIALISTS
MasterCard VISA
Open 6 days a week Monday - Friday 8.30am - 5.30pm
(1.00pm on Saturday)

REPAIRS
Washing Machines Electric Cookers, Tumble Driers, etc
Repaired in your own home
Freephone 0800 2984518
Barry 744117

ELECTRICAL REPAIRS
Washing Machines, Cookers, Fridges, Freezers, Cleaners, Tumble Dryers etc
K. WATKINS
Electrical Services
Est. 1978
Bridgend 650723

WWESS Electrical
FOR ALL YOUR ELECTRICAL NEEDS
• Garden/Outdoor Lights • Re-wires/Maintenance
• Phone Points • Testing & Extra Sockets • Showers, etc.
07778 612539 / 01656 646102
garywwess@hotmail.com
Approved Contractor

LAING Electrical Services
DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL, ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS
FIRE ALARMS
DESIGN, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE
N.I.C.E.I.C. Approved
Competitive prices
St Athan 751033
Mobile 07980 712777

TELE-ELECTRICAL SERVICING
Service centre for most leading makes of TV, Video, Hi-Fi & Camcorders.
Installations carried out.
Tel: (01656) 654156
or 07792 887835

Gaslec
All aspects of Plumbing and Electrical work undertaken by time served Tradesmen.
Part P Approved.
For Free Estimates
Contact us on:
01446 400464
07870 471690
08715 845947
safe

Dave Reffell
Electrical Services
Free Quotations
01446 751743
07743 500149
davidreffell@hotmail.com

Funeral Directors

W. A. Brown & Son
Funeral Directors
Contactable 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
• Funeral pre-payment plans • Memorial masonry
Llantwit Major 01446 792489
Pembroke House, College Street
INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Double Glazing

Bridgend Windows *and maintenance*
Specialists in all aspects of
pvc-u Windows, Doors and Conservatories.
Also available Repairs and maintenance
Guardian Locksmith Qualified.
For your free estimates, call
01656 788403; Mobile: 07966 025287
QUALITY & SERVICE GUARANTEED
www.bridgendwindows.co.uk

ABACUS
PVC SPECIALISTS
It's Quality that counts!!
Doors & Windows
Double Glazing
Conservatories
Fascia & Guttering
UPVC REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE
Office: 01656 865191
Mobile: 0791 808 48 80

WINDOW AND DOOR REPAIR SERVICE
OVER 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN ALL ASPECTS OF uPVC AND ALUMINIUM WINDOW AND DOOR REPAIR
Do you have any of the following problems...?
Misted-up Double Glazing • Broken Hinges
Seized Patio Door Rollers • Faulty door Locks
Seized Handles • Draughts • Broken Letter Box • Leaks, etc
If so phone for a free estimate and advice
FREEPHONE COWBRIDGE 0800 169 5171
We offer a competitive and friendly service to the Vale and surrounding area
TRY US FOR NEW UPVC WINDOWS AND DOORS
8am - 8pm (7 days)
Window Tec UK
• Window and Door Repair •

STEVE MOLONEY
Double glazing repairs. Hinges, handles, misted up sealed units, complete repair service available.
Established 1979.
01656 783594
or
07877 558525

Garage Doors

GDS GARAGE DOOR SERVICES
The garage door specialists
All types of doors supplied, fitted & repaired
Over 12 years experience.
07783 703366
01446 743181
www.gdsdoors.co.uk

D&R *15 years Experience*
COLES SERVICES LTD
FOR ALL YOUR PROPERTY NEEDS
Garage door repairs, Installation and remote control upgrades.
Roller Shutters, Repairs and Installation.
01446 790230
07939 475736

Is your business quiet at the moment?
GIVE US A CALL - use The GEM to reach potential customers from Penarth to Porthcawl.
Call us on
01446 774484

Garden Services

NP GARDEN & LANDSCAPING SERVICES
• Decking & fencing • Block paving & patios
• Terracing & turfing
• Ponds & water features
• Landscaping & low maintenance gardens
• Design Service • Tree felling
ALL WORK GUARANTEED
Call Nick on 01446 710736
or 07790 166480
www.gardenandlandscapeservices.co.uk
Fully insured, excellent references and portfolio available

Ashdown Sheds
Stables • Field Shelters • Kennels
• Play Houses • Log Cabins
Timber Framing • Potting Sheds • Garages •
Show Jumps • Hay stores
Tel: 01446 772800 *or* Mob: 07815 304 156
www.ashdown-group.com e-mail: info@ashdown-group.com

Complete Garden Services
FENCING • DECKING • TREES FELLED, HEDGES AND LAWNS • WALLS, PATHS AND PATIOS
Telephone: 01446 419428
or 07765 611753

A.O. Burt & Sons Limited
All aspects of garden maintenance/ estate management
- Landscaping
- Grass Cutting / Lawncare
- Pruning of Trees and Hedges
- Fencing • Weed Control

All staff are qualified groundsmen, specialising in large gardens.
Established firm since 1968
Tel: 029 2089 0697
Mobile: 07734 778310

NDP GARDEN and PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
Grass Cutting, Weeding
Shrubs & Hedges Trimmed,
Tree Felling, Fencing,
Patios, Turfing
Gutters & Facias Cleaned
Power Washing
- *Free Estimates*
- *Unbeatable Prices*
- *Reliable Family Team*

01446 773935
or 07773 992704

20% OFF with this advert
Vale Garden Care
Residential & Commercial
Lawns / Borders / Hedges / Garden Clearance
Landscape / Irrigation / Jet Washing / Office Plants
Window Cleaning / Fence & Exterior Painting
Gutters & Fascias Cleaned
Call or Text
01446 781023 / 07866 544951
Cardiff / The Vale / Bridgend
fully insured · www.valegardencare.com · est. 2003

DON'T DO IT YOURSELF

Call a professional From our A-Z list

Garden Services

RIVERLEA Horticultural
Vale Business Park, Llandow, Cowbridge CF71 7PF
Tel: 01446 775602 Fax: 01446 773476
Husqvarna Main Dealers
Lawn mowers - ride-ons - chainsaws strimmers and garden accessories
Most makes serviced and repaired
Collection service available
Sales Service Repairs

A TO B BRICK PAVING
SPECIALIST IN ALL TYPES OF **PAVING PATIOS, PATHS & DRIVEWAYS**
REVIVE YOUR **DRIVE** WITH CLEAN & SEAL
TURFING, FENCING
ALL TYPES OF **POWERWASHING**
FREE ESTIMATES
TEL: 07947 847 986/07912 018710 029 2079 5651
16 HASTINGS CRESCENT, OLD ST MELLONS, CARDIFF CF3 5ET
COMPANY No. 5710704

Richard Couzens
• Main dealer for HAYTER
• Sales & Servicing
• Repair & Collection Service
Tel: 01446 771660
Mob: 07854 125404
Vale Business Park, Cowbridge

Odds 'n' Sods
Garden & Property Maintenance
Lawns/Hedges
Decking/Patios/Fencing
General Handyman
. . .We do it all!!
07530 054188
01656 646102

ATTENTION ADVERTISERS:
Be aware of charity (scam) advertising - guard your payment/ account details.

The Green Factor Ltd
Free estimates, fully insured.
• Landscaping • Fencing
• Decking • Hedge Cutting
• Garden Clearance
• Patios and Paving
Call Paul on 01446 736525 or 07815 319427
WE ARE QUALIFIED, RELIABLE AND LOCAL!

Paving

FREELAND PAVING
All aspects of driveway surfaces
Block Paving • Patterned Concrete • Tarmac • Walls • Steps • Patios • Fencing • Decking • Drop Kerb Entrance • Turfing • Tree Removal • Landscaping
Full colour brochure of previous work - free estimates and friendly advice.
Call Free on 0800 9880118 (8am-5pm)
Direct line 0790 2279186 (24 hours)

Plastering

Cowbridge & Vale PLASTERERS
All Interior and Exterior work
Free Quotes
Tel. 01446 774899
0781 685 7935

WP PLASTERING SERVICES
All aspects of plastering, also building and maintenance work undertaken.
Call now for free quote.
Tel. 01656 729655 or 07915 390029

Roofing

S MIDDLETON & SON
ROOFING SPECIALISTS
We cover all aspects of roofing including a 24 hour emergency call out service
❒ Slating ❒ uPVC Fascia's & Guttering
❒ Tiling ❒ EPDM Rubberised Flat Roofing
20 year guarantee and 50 year life expectancy
Tel: 01656 720551 or 07973 488806 anytime
www.smiddletonroofingspecialists.co.uk

cfr ROOFING
All aspects of Roofing
Check out our prices @ www.cfrroofing.co.uk
01446 775145

SMS FLAT ROOFING
South Wales' leading supplier & installer of EPDM rubber.
Tel: 01656 728793 or 24hrs 07790 823525

Plumbing & Heating

ALLIED GAS & OIL
PLUMBING AND HEATING ENGINEERS
Natural Gas, Oil & LPG Appliances, Genuine 24hr callout, 7 days a week.
OFTEC, GAS SAFE & CORGI REGISTERED
No Callout Charge, No fix-No fee.
Telephone: 01656 657 438
Freephone: 0500 20 60 20

G&M Plumbing & Heating
Geoff Maunder, 28 Romanza House, The Waterfront, Barry
07815 097994 24 hrs, or 01446 742907
Combination Boiler Specialists
Boiler Breakdowns
Central Heating Installations
Boiler Change Over . Cookers
Bathroom Suites . Showers . Towel Radiators
Taps . Tap Washers . Outside Taps . etc
All Work Guaranteed
Fully Insured
Fast, Friendly Service
25% DISCOUNT FOR OAPs
NO CALL OUT CHARGE
Gas Safe 301616

DOUGFIELD BATHROOMS
BATHROOM, HEATING & PLUMBING SUPPLIES
22 Ty Verlon Industrial Estate, Cardiff Road
BARRY CF63 2BE
Tel: 01446 701808 / 738828 Fax: 01446 721022
Unit 1-New Street, Bridgend Industrial Estate
BRIDGEND CF37 5UD
Tel: 01656 650050 • Fax: 01656 650550
DROP IN
BATHROOMS - SHOWERS - PLUMBING/HEATING
EXTENSIVE SHOWROOMS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

SERVING THE VALE
Bathroom Suites and Showers installed
Repairs and Upgrades
Blocked Drains Cleared
Drains Repaired - Drain Surveys
Septic Tank Maintenance & Installation
FAST RELIABLE 24/7 Service
Recommended for Reliability and Service
01446 550098 02920 553370

PAUL MARSHMAN
24 HR DOMESTIC PLUMBING SERVICE
Repairs • Installation
Tiling • Electrical
01446 740176 • 07876 506982

Alan Harris
Heating & Plumbing
Heating systems and fire surrounds installed.
Boiler changes.
Bathrooms.
Gas Safe registered.
Tel: 01656 667093
Mob: 07902 687450

DC Plumbing
• NO call out charge
• Flexible hours
• No job too small
Call Dave on -
Tel: 01446 413971
Mobile: 0779 263 0939

Celtic Plumbing and Heating 98425
Corgi registered gas installers
All aspects of plumbing and heating work undertaken
01446 732 145
07973 785 339
07956 887 536

Tiling

Bonny Tiler
Wall & Floor Tiling Specialists
Full Bathroom and Wetroom installation
Professional, Friendly & Reliable Service
01446 796582 / 07854 168459
(after 6pm) (anytime)
PTS Certified

BILL FOULDS TILING SERVICE
Ceramic, Porcelain and Natural Stone Tiling, Decorating and Finishing Touches
Portfolio and reference available
01446 794141
07736 391937

Is your business quiet at the moment?
GIVE US A CALL - use The GEM to reach potential customers from Penarth to Porthcawl.
Call us on
01446 774484

PlumbTech
for all those small jobs call Wayne on
07789 558441
01446 740065

JOHN SARTAIN
Plumbing & Tiling
01446 794266

M MARTYN
PLUMBING SERVICES
No Job Too Small
Free Quotes
Call:
07526 125982
or
01446 753503

Removals & Deliveries

vanmanexpress
Removals & storage
Full/Part/Single Items
Domestic/Flat Moves
Packing Service
Domestic & Commercial
Student moves
Fully Insured.
Call Paul on
01446 700450
07867 794460
01656 630032
www.vanmanexpress.co.uk

Rubbish Removal

Same Day Rubbish Removals
All types of rubbish removed. Houses, Garages, Gardens cleared.
Prices start from only £10.
All areas covered.
FASTER & CHEAPER THAN SKIPS
Contact Steve or Sarah on
01656 865116 or 07980 625116

Property Maintenance

HOME REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE
UPVC Facias, Guttering Replaced & Repaired, Home Painting Interior & Exterior, General Home & Garden Improvements
Tel: 01446 736518
07891 356527

Wanted

GOLD WANTED £4 a gram paid for 9ct gold. All hallmark gold wanted. Scrap gold, damaged rings, pendants etc. Send all gold by special delivery. (This covers sender for up to £500) Send to: Samson's Treasure House PO BOX 81, Llantwit Major, Vale of Glamorgan CF719BR **01446 796100** or call in at Gift Gallery, Commercial St, Llantwit Major, 01446 795454.

NEWS FROM PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB

Magical qualities of the Format Painter

AN eminent engineer once said that if you have a difficult problem, ask a lazy engineer to solve it.

That way you would get an elegant solution with half a page of calculations, whereas an energetic enthusiast would probably produce an inferior solution in half a book taking ten times as long.

One suspects that it was such an engineer (lazy and software variety) that came up with the Format Painter. It is such a useful device that it is hard to understand anyone who fails to use it unless they A) have no need of it; B) are unaware of it or C) love squandering their time.

For the unaware, it is the button bearing a pasting brush and normally on the standard toolbar and you really should try it out.

(If it is missing, right-click on a toolbar and select Customise from the drop-down menu. On the Toolbars tab click on Standard to highlight that toolbar and then click on the Commands tag. Highlight Format in the left-hand pane and the available commands will appear in the right-hand pane. Click on Format Painter and drag it to the toolbar on the main window and drop it.)

So what does it do? Exactly what it says on the tin! When you are working on a document, be it text or a spreadsheet you often need to do something special with a piece of it.

It might be underlining, making bold or italic or even using a completely different font on a poster or invitation.

You might even provide a background colour to highlight some text or provide different coloured lines on text boxes.

It is perfectly feasible to combine several effects onto a single object or piece of text.

After fiddling about for some time with several options, you finally settle on something you like. If you then decide that you want something else to look just the same, the format Painter will do the job in a trice.

Select (ie highlight) anything that has the format you want to replicate (it need only be a small sample); click on the Format Painter button and when you highlight the next thing the wanted formatting will magically be applied to it.

The freshly formatted bits do not even have to be in the same document; the Painter will happily work between them.

If you want to copy the formatting several times then highlight the original formatted sample as before and double-click on the Format Painter button.

Now you can highlight a series of things and each will be painted with the original formatting until you click on the button again to stop it. Because it is easy to undo if you go wrong there is no risk of a disaster.

In the same vein there are other buttons that might fill the bill for something that you do that is not quite mainstream. If enough people have asked for it, it is likely that a software engineer has designed one to do the job.

For example, there is a button to highlight text for you, just like the one you would use on paper. You can find it in exactly the same way as noted above for the Format Painter.

It is great for emphasising a point.

While you are there, have a browse around the other commands. You should be able to find a few helpful ones. There are over 1500 of them after all.

For more information, telephone 029 2070 8439.

HOWARD DESMOND (chairman)

School's pride in its Barry Island garden

CHILDREN from Gladstone Primary School's after school gardening club went along to view their exhibit at the recent Royal Horticultural Society Show in Cardiff.

Local primary schools were invited to design a garden within a wheelbarrow and Gladstone's gardening club, run by Sarah Kilbride and Christine Good, chose the theme of Barry Island.

They undertook research about the types of plants that grow near the sea, painted the wheelbarrow sky blue and decorated it with sea creatures. The wheelbarrow was planted with a range of grasses, succulent plants and other native seaside plants.

Teacher Sarah Kilbride said: "Our gardening club worked really hard as a team to design and plant their wheelbarrow. We were really proud to see it on display in Cardiff."

Vale Karate raises £1,000 for Ty Hafan

VALE Karate has organised a series of fund-raising events in aid of Ty Hafan.

On April 25, a Dodgeball competition was organised at Vale Karate's base, the YMCA Hub with many adult and junior teams.

Vale Karate's instructors put themselves at the mercy of their students, 'the Stocks' for Soak the Sensei! Later at Barry Town FC an adults quiz took place and May 1, saw Vale Karate's Friday evening class become a Superhero night!

More than 80 children turned up to train with several wearing their traditional Karate uniforms, a number wearing their pyjamas and the remainder disguised as their favourite Superheroes, with Spiderman, Batman, Superman, Catwoman and even one or two Power Rangers in attendance. The children's class was followed by the adult class where the theme continued!

The various events raised £1,000 for Ty Hafan.

Situations Vacant

THE WATERFRONT MEDICAL CENTRE, BARRY

Healthcare Assistant

£9.00ph • 16 hours per week

The Waterfront Medical Centre requires a Healthcare Assistant to join our excellent team. Experience desirable but not essential, full training will be given.

Please apply with a covering letter & CV to: Mrs N Gilbert, The Waterfront Medical Centre, Heol Y Llongau, Barry CF63 4AR.

Closing date: May 29, 2009.

Part Time Receptionist

required to cover maternity leave in Llantwit Major, split shift - Thursday, Friday plus Saturday mornings. Must be an enthusiastic person, computer/telephone skills essential, good communication and ability to be flexible. Training given. *Starting date: June 15, 2009.*

CV to: West Farm Veterinary Clinics Ltd, North Road, Cowbridge CF71 7DF.

Family Notices

Harold (HARRY) HARRISON
of Westgate, Cowbridge

Peacefully on May 4, 2009, aged 87, at Brocastle Manor Care Home, Bridgend.

Much-loved husband of fifty nine years to Vera, and father of Sally and Roger, grandad to Ben, Lucy, Daniel, Owen and Siân, great-grandfather to Sophie and Alissa, father-in-law to John and Barbara.

Well-known and popular Cowbridge resident and former electrical contractor, Harry will leave a hole in the hearts of all that knew him. Many heartfelt thanks to everyone who has been involved in his care both at home and lately at Brocastle.

Funeral Friday 15 May, 12 noon, at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, followed by burial at The Limes Cemetery.

Flowers to Greengate, St Brides Major CF32 0SB, or donations to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

VAUDIN

Peacefully on May 8, 2009, Margaret (née Mahoney), of Llantwit Major. Dearly loved wife of Michael and loving mother of Mark and Christopher. Resting at WA Brown & Son, College Street, Llantwit Major, until the funeral on Monday May 18, 2009.

Service in Coychurch Crematorium at 3.45pm. Family flowers only but donations may be given to the Salvation Army c/o the Funeral Director.

Dorothy SEWELL

Peacefully at Pen-Y-Bont Court Nursing Home on Wednesday May 6, Dorothy, aged 89 years.

Beloved wife of Eric, loving mother of Andrew and the late Keith.

Funeral service Monday May 18 at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge at 1.15pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to: The Alzheimers Society, Oldwell Court, Ty Gwyn Road, Penylan, Cardiff CF23 5DA.

Enquiries to Thomas Bros, tel: 01446 775681.

GALTON Paul

On May 9, peacefully at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, Paul of Flemingston.

Beloved husband of Elizabeth, dearly-loved father of Karen, Kerry, Donna, Mark and Alana, a much-loved grandfather and great-grandfather. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon.

Funeral Tuesday May 19, service and interment 2pm at Flemingston Church.

Flowers may be sent to the Funeral Home.

TYDEMAN Eileen

Peacefully after a short illness at the Waverley Care Centre, Penarth, on May 10, 2009.

Eileen, beloved mother of Jackie, much-loved mother-in-law of Jeff, also a loved grandmother to Paul and John.

Eileen will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at James Summers and Son, Lavernock Court, Penarth, until the funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Friday June 5, 2009 at 2.15pm.

Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

barry-today.co.uk
cowbridge-today.co.uk
llantwit-major-today.co.uk
porthcawl-today.co.uk
bridgend-today.co.uk

Glamorgan GEM Websites

News, Sport, Letters, Features, What's On, Jobs, Motors....

Property

SHOP TO LET
PENNY LANE COWBRIDGE
630 sq ft, A2 & A3 use. Plus 3 phase.
Contact
S Andrews & Son
01446 774712

TO LET
BARRY WEST END
3 Bedroom Terrace
Refurbished throughout, including recently upgraded kitchen, central heating.
£590pcm
Bond & references.
Tel: 07966 467259

House Clearances

ANDREW WILLIAMS
HOUSE CLEARANCES
FULL/PART
Over 15 years experience. Sympathetic handling of deceased estates, used by estate agents and solicitors.
01446 409266
07885 251742

Offices To Let
Flexible terms.
From 115 - 322 sqft.
Penny Lane, Cowbridge
Please contact:
S Andrews & Son
Tel: 01446 774712

Lost & Found

LOST
18 carat gold diamond bangle in the Barry Dock area between Monday May 4 and Thursday May 7.
REWARD
01446 404987

TO LET
BARRY WATERFRONT
Luxury Unfurnished 1 Bedroom Apartment
Balcony with uninterrupted sea views, no DSS or pets.
Lift access.
£495 per calendar month
Bonds & references required.
Contact
07929 671249
01443 229840

To advertise here please contact The GEM on 01446 774484
or e-mail:
gemsales@internet-today.co.uk

Birthdays

Happy 18th Birthday
JAMIE
on 17 May

Lots of Love
Mum, Dad & Andrew
x x x

Articles For Sale

ADVERTISE HERE for up to 4 weeks for 50p a word plus VAT. To take advantage of this offer simply either send in your description along with a cheque for the appropriate amount made payable to "The Glamorgan Gem" at The Gem, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL or telephone us with your wording by 12 noon Tuesday. All major credit cards accepted. Tel 01446 774484. Advert must contain a residential land line telephone number. You may alter your advert as items are sold. **Sorry no refunds are given.**

ROUND TABLE 48" diameter & 4 chairs, modern design, medium colour. Good condition £50 ono. Tel: 01446 760070. **(20)**

GARMIN SAT NAV New, boxed, Nuvi 200w and case £55. Tel: 01446 775477 or 07544 746994. **(20)**

RIDE-ON MOWER Lawnflite 404, cost new £1,100. Unused since 08 service, £200. Tel: 01446 772005. **(20)**

MACLAREN DOUBLE BUGGY Complete accessories £60. Britannia large cooker, currently with an LPG hob (easily converted) £350. Tel: 01446 771229. **(20)**

CREDA CAPRI Electric cooker, excellent condition £75. Tel: 01446 738091. **(20)**

CORNDELL PINE Matching dining table, 4 chairs, nest of tables, bookcase & TV cabinet. Offers. Tel: 07870 499451. **(20)**

PHIL & TED Double buggy, red and black inc. rain cover, good condition, paid £500, sell £180. Maxi Cosi red/black car seat £50. Graco 3 in 1 pram set, as new £70. Tel: 07800 963126. **(20)**

FRIDGE FREEZER Integrated with cabinet, 3 years old £65. Tel: 01446 734772. **(20)**

NEW STAINLESS STEEL CANOPY extractor with telescopic chimney, 4 speed settings, also comes with two cooking spot controls, all push button controls, £100 ono. Tel. 07709 273069. **(19)**

HEALTH RIDER Exercise machine £50. Abroller £5. Trampet £8. Tabletop snooker table £35. Butterfly rollaway table tennis table. Both with accessories £60. Tel: 01446 773590. **(19)**

TWO CHILDRENS BEDS Cabin £30. Pine high sleeper futon £45. Tel: 01446 790363. **(19)**

BROWN 2-SEATER Ikea sofa £75. Men's Trek mountain bike £50. Tel: 07795 560515. **(18)**

37" PLASMA TV Brand new in box. HD ready with Freeview receiver. Wall mount available for extra. Genuine bargain at £350. Te: 07931 212432. **(18)**

CORNER SHOWER LUX CUBICLE 900 wide by 2 metre high (brand new in box) £150. Tel. 01446 790399. **(17)**

COMPLETE CARAVAN STABILIZER, car extension mirror, Zanussi Washing Machine, exercise bike. Offers? Tel. 01446 421017. **(17)**

WOODEN TABLE and 2 chairs £40. Tel 07795 560515. **(17)**

SOLID OAK OVAL DINING TABLE 5ft, extends to 6ft 6ins, 6 chairs, £150 ono. Tel. 02920 594301 **(17)**

4 MONTH OLD MANUAL TREADMILL £50 ono. Indoor water feature £7 ono. Tel. 01446 406981 **(17)**

2 x 1950s CHINA WASH BASINS with original pedestal and taps. £60 ono. 1960s Regiontone portable electrical record player, £50 ono. 6-piece black jazz band. 1ft in height, £150. Tel. 01446 772683.

Public Notices

VALE of GLAMORGAN
BRO MORGANNWG

Vale of Glamorgan Council
Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001
Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under the Local Authorities Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2007 has made an Order which shall come into effect on the 1st June 2009 identifying places detailed in the Schedule below as designated public places pursant to the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (as amended by the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006).

The Order allows a police officer, and other accredited persons, to control the consumption of alcohol within designated places. If they believe that someone is consuming alcohol or intends to consume alcohol they can require them to stop or they can confiscate the alcohol.

Any person who fails without reasonable excuse to comply with an officer's request under this provision may commit an offence and may be issued with a penalty notice for disorder or may be liable to prosecution. The areas proposed are identified and described in the Schedule below.

SCHEDULE

LAND DESIGNATED BY DESCRIPTION

PENARTH

Victoria Playing Fields, Penarth

All Saints Church grounds, Victoria Square, Penarth

Windsor Gardens, Penarth

Pembroke Terrace Play Area, Pembroke Terrace, Penarth

Cwrt-y-Vil/ Old Penarthians Recreation Ground, Penarth

St David's Park/St Cyres Field, Penarth

DINAS POWYS

Parc Bryn-y-Don, Dinas Powys

COWBRIDGE

Poplars Park, Cowbridge

RHOOSE

Milburn Park, Rhoose

Community Centre Grounds and play area, Stewart Road, Rhoose

Rhoose Railway Station and adjoining car park, Rhoose

LLANTWIT MAJOR

Llantwit Major Train Station and adjoining car park

BARRY

Parade Gardens, The Parade, Barry

The Knap, Barry including the Promenade, Cold Knap Gardens, Bron y Mor car park, Knap Car Terrace and the green open space adjoining Marine Drive

Barry Island including Whitmore Bay, the Promenade including the gardens and adjoining Friars Road, car park, Paget Road, Station Approach and the Amusement Park, Maslin Park, Plymouth Road, Archer Road between Phyllis Street and Plymouth Road. Amherst Crescent and adjoining green spaces, Ivor Street and adjoining back lanes, Nell's Point, the green space adjoining St Baruch's Chapel, Jacksons Bay

Bassett Park

Batts Fields

Gladstone Park, Gladstone Gardens, Memorial Hall grounds and car park

Hatch Quarry Play Area and Little Hill Park open space off Brock Street

Gibbonsdown Estate including Pendoylan Close, Michaelston Close, Coychurch Rise, Laleston Close, Ogmore Place and the adjoining green space, Dale Court, St Catherine Court, Cwrt Pencoedtre, Clos Llawhaden, Aberaeron Close, Columbus Close, Magellan Close, Ramsey Road, St Brides Way and Skomer Road

Thompson Street Estate including lower Thompson Street, Belvedere Crescent including the Community Centre grounds, play area and rear lanes

Operational Manager, Public Protection, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU.
Dated: 14th May 2009.

www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Wanted

SCRAP CARS
TOP PRICES PAID
07592 417630
01656 661614

SUTTONS Auto Salvage
Up to £80 paid on collection, for scrap, MOT failures, and tax expired vehicles. Also body shells and scrap metals collected. No wheels, no problem.
Tel: 029 2059 7887
07971 648596

Motors For Sale

02 CITROEN XSARA 1.6 PICASSO SX
Metallic purple, 55,000 miles. Tax Aug 31 09 MoT Sept 09
£2,450 ono
01446 749836 20

53 MERCEDES E270 TDi Classic
in silver, leather seats, service history, taxed 6 months, MoT til February 2010
£8,995 ono
07799 863192 19

2004 CITROEN C2 Furio 1.4
Yellow, 49,200 miles, fsh, tax, MoT, 1 owner from new.
£2,650 ono
01446 772469 19

Blue JM Star Scooter 50cc
07 Plate
Taxed until end of August, low mileage excellent condition
£400
01446 792675 17

1999 TOYOTA CELICA 1.8 VVTi
Silver, taxed Dec 2009, MoT 12 months, alloys, air con, 73,000 miles
£2,300 ono
01446 772575 20

02 Vauxhall Vectra 2.2 SRi 150 Estate
Silver, half leather, cd, a/c, abs, e/pack, nice alloys and tyres, towbar, MoT, tax, gret condition inside and out.
£2,950 ono
07961 022004
No canvassers 19

P Reg Vauxhall Astra Auto 1.6 5-door
Excellent condition, e/w, MoT til October, Taxed til July
£550 ono
01446 771585 20

56 Plate 1.25 FORD FIESTA Style Climate 5-dr
8,700 miles, low mileage, low insurance group, 12 months tax, fsh, 1st MoT due November 2009. Immaculate condition
£5,950
01446 420802
07989 687877 19

Deadline for Motor Cars is 12 noon on Tuesday

05 Plate MAZDA 6
Metallic silver with ac, c/c, e/w, e/n, cd, alloys, multiple airbags, Tax & MoT
£6,295 ono
01446 748179
07530 387857
No Canvassers 20

03 FORD FOCUS 1.6i LX 5-dr Auto
Metallic green, one lady owner, 33,000 miles, taxed & MoT
£2,450 ono
01446 734865
02920 573212 19

1989 Volkswagen Golf 1.6 Driver
Black, 5-dr hatchback, MoT January 2010
£495 ono
07505 002712 17

05/55 Smart Forfour 1.3 Passion
Silver/grey metallic, black upholstery, 20,000 miles, elec front windows, cd, a/c, alloys. Very good condition.
£4,500
01656 864862
07970 510997 17

P Reg. Saab Convertible Automatic
Good condition. MoT and Tax end July
£1,850 for quick sale
01446 773316 17

BMW
Grey, very good condition. Tax & MOT Jan 2010.
£350
Tel: 01446 751183 18

1987 VAUXHALL CAVALIER GLSi
with MoT
Offers
01446 421017 17

Sovereign Mobility Scooter
As new.
£350
Tel: 01446 792721 18

53 Reg Fiat Stilo Active 16v
New MOT, 6 months tax, 4 new tyres, 4 new brakes, 47k.
£2,000 ono
01446 760928 18

Wanted

Llandow Metals
We pay for scrap cars and MOT failures
We are breaking stock on
Ford Probe, Suzuki Vitara, Renault Megane/Scenic, Peugeot 406 & 806, BMW 525 Tourer, Renault Kangoo.
Tel 01446 792669 - 792756
www.carspareswales.co.uk

Test-drive **Event**

this weekend | **Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th** May

Save up to **£5,000***

off a new **Ford**

*Terms and conditions apply.

Did you know?

Your car could be worth up to **£2,000***

Do YOU have a car 10 years old+?

Why not pop in and see how much you could save under the new Government Scrappage Scheme.

*Terms and conditions apply.

Pictures for illustration purposes.

Test drive the Ford range - **Don't forget** your licence

MOTOR INDUSTRY CODE OF PRACTICE Service and Repair

FORDTHORNE

Penarth Road, Cardiff
029 20 381716
e-mail: sales@fordthorne.co.uk

First for **Ford** in Cardiff **www.fordthorne.co.uk**

Motability

LLANDOW RACE CIRCUIT HOSTS CHARITY CYCLE RIDE

The pictures on this page were taken by MIKE WILCOCK.
They are available to order from wilcock60@aol.com or telephone 01446 774502.

SEE NEXT WEEK'S GEM FOR A FULL REPORT OF THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION'S CHARITY CYCLE RIDE AND MORE PICTURES!

VALE PACT MEETINGS

ILLTYD PACT, Mount Sorrel Hotel, Barry, today (May 14) (7pm).

RHOOSE PACT, Celtic Way Community Centre, May 26 (7pm).

SULLY PACT, Jubilee Hall, June 1 (8pm).

CORNERSWELL PACT, Cogan Leisure Centre, June 2 (7pm).

CADOC PACT, Palmerstone Community Learning Centre, June 3 (7pm).

CARS • VANS • MINIBUSES • MPVs
Daily... Weekly... Monthly... You Choose

NO COMMITMENT RENTAL
• Business • Trade • Weekends away • Fully flexible - CALL TODAY
Cardiff • Bridgend • Pontypridd

CHARTER VEHICLE HIRE
0800 975 2945
www.chartervehiclehire.co.uk
A TRADING DIVISION OF JAMES & JENKINS GARAGES, CARDIFF

COOL 2 U
The Mobile Vehicle Air Conditioning Specialist
Does your car's air conditioning system work as well as it should? Could it be causing you and your family health problems?
Manufacturers recommend for maximum efficiency your air conditioning system is re-gassed at least every 2 years.
GET AIR CONNED from £45
We can cleanse and re-gas your system for a fraction of dealership costs at your home or work place at your convenience
To book call 07774521172

WICK
www.wickvanhire.co.uk
- CDW (Collision Damage Waiver) from £10 per day
- House Removal Lutons with Tail Lifts
- Large Fleet of Cars (Toyota, VW, Zafiras, Saab Estates)
- People Carriers (VW Tourans, VW Caraveles, Transit Tourneau, 7-9 Seats)
- 4-metre Merc Sprinters & Jumbos
- Small Vans (Connects, Combos, Partners)
- 9-seat Mini Buses
- Full RAC Cover
- Tippers
- Towbars fitted to most vehicles (inc cars) – Extra Charge
- Roof Racks Available
- Full European Use (special conditions apply)
- Book Online

hire@wickvanhire.co.uk
OPEN 7 DAYS
5 HOUR HIRE FROM £25.00
(100 miles max)
All hirers must possess valid credit/debit card
01656 660160

Network Q Multi-Point Check
Network Q Ownership Promise
Comprehensive warranty
12 months cover on brakes, battery & clutch
Nationwide vehicle search
30 day exchange

Spring! Savings Spring! Savings Spring! Savings
GREAT OFFERS!!
& Save £££'s
6 MONTHS ROAD TAX! FREE FUEL!+ MOT FOR LIFE! FREE 12 MONTH MINIMUM WARRANTY!
THIS WEEKEND ONLY! WITH THIS ADVERT

SUMMER'S COMING, GET OUT IN STYLE!

GREAT OFFER!! CHOICE OF COLOURS!
08 VAUXHALL TIGRA 1.4 AIR
DELIVERY MILES ONLY
FROM £10450

CHOICE OF COLOURS!
08 VAUXHALL ASTRA TWIN TOP 1.6 AIR
FROM £13599

07 CORSA VXR 1.6
• In Flame Red
ONLY £12499

Why choose FRF Vauxhall?
• Full Network Q 12 mth warranty
• Best part-exchange price paid
• Full service FREE of charge
• No MOT needed for min of 12 mths
• Drive away within 24 hrs
• Very LOW rate finance
• 0% finance available on selected cars

CRACKING CORSA 08 CLEAROUT!
EVERY ONE MUST GO!!

08 Corsa 1.2 Breeze 5dr	£7999
08 Corsa 1.2 Design 3dr	£8699
08 Corsa 1.2 SXi 3dr, VXR Kit, in Flame Red	£9999
08 Corsa 1.2 SXi Air Con 3dr	£7999

QUALITY USED VEHICLES AT GIFT PRICES!

07 Corsa 1.2 SXi 3dr with a/c	£7499
57 Astra 1.6 Club 5dr	£7999
08 Zafira 1.9 CDTi Design	£10999
57 Astra 1.9 SRi 150 CDTi	£10599
56 Tigra 1.4 Convertible	£9499
06 Astra Twin Top 1.6 Sport	£10999

SAAB AT BRIDGEND

07/57 9-3 1.8 lpt Vector Sport Est	£11495
07/57 9-3 1.9 Tid 150 Vector Sport auto	£12495
07/57 9-3 1.9 Tid 150 Vector Sport, nav	£13495

Over 20 1 owner SAAB Vehicles on Sale NOW!!

No Gimmicks just good honest bargains from FRF!

08 DIESEL CORSA
Corsa 1.3 CDTi Breeze 5dr only £8495
Corsa 1.3 CDTi SXi 3dr Air Con only £9499
Corsa 1.3 CDTi Design 3dr only £9499
SAVE

08 VECTRA 1.8 LIFE
• In Star Silver
only £8299
SAVE

Finance example: Cost price £7999. Deposit £3999. Balance £4,000. Total Interest £1698.20. 60 monthly repayments of £89.97. (Document and purchase fees apply). Total amount payable £9697.20. Subject to status and terms of agreement. Written quotations are available on request.
All illustrated deals are non part exchange. * These finance offers are only available on FRF finance. † Amount of fuel given free this weekend is £20 total with each offer.Exchange vehicles must have an MOT certificate valid for a minimum of three months. Pictures for illustration purposes only.
16.4% APR TYPICAL

• LOW RATE FINANCE • PART EXCHANGE WELCOME • CASHBACK AVAILABLE • OUTSTANDING SELECTED FINANCE OFFERED • CARS BOUGHT FOR CASH!

Buying with Confidence From Your Main Vauxhall Dealer
Open 7 Days: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 10am-5pm (10am-11am viewing only.)
Pictures for illustration purposes only.

FRF Bridgend
www.frfmotorgroup.co.uk
Western Avenue, Bridgend Ind Est. Bridgend
Sale Hotline
08456 209779
NETWORK Q Used cars you can rely on

Feel the difference

RIGHT CAR, RIGHT PRICE, RIGHT PEOPLE!

Feel the difference

£15995
09 09 FOCUS CC 3 2.0 Panther black, cream leather, climate control

£8995
06 06 VAUXHALL AstraTwin Top 1.6 Design Alloys, a/c, cd, star silver

£9995
08 08 FOCUS 1.6 TDCI Style a/c, cd, alloys, vision blue

£10495
08 58 FIESTA 1.25 Zetec 5-dr. B/tooth, cd, alloys, a/c

FORD

09 09 KA 1.3 Style 3-dr. a/c, cd, heated screen £6295
08 08 KA 1.3i Zetec Climate 3-dr. a/c, cd, alloys, choice £5995
06 06 KA 1.3i Collection 3-dr. cd, c/l £4495
03 53 KA 1.3i 1 3-dr. pas, under 16,000 miles £2995
08 58 FIESTA 1.25 Zetec 5-dr. B/tooth, cd, alloys, a/c £10495
08 57 FIESTA 1.4 TDCi Zetec Climate 3-dr. Alloys, a/c cd £35 tax . . £7695
06 06 FIESTA 1.4 Zetec 3-dr. Alloys, a/c, cd, quickclear £5695
05 55 FIESTA 2.0 ST 3-dr. Half leather, face lift £6995
05 05 FIESTA 1.4 TDCI Zetec Climate 5-dr. Alloys, a/c, cd £5695
08 08 FUSION 1.4 TDCI Plus 5-dr. Alloys, a/c, cd £8795
08 58 FOCUS 1.6 TDCI Style Estate 5-dr. a/c, cd, electrics £10995
08 08 FOCUS 1.8 Titanium 5-dr. Alloys, a/c, cd £10495
08 08 FOCUS 1.6 Titanium 5-dr. Alloys, a/c, cd, privacy glass £9995
08 08 FOCUS 1.6 TDCI Style 5-dr. a/c, cd, electrics £9995
08 08 FOCUS 1.8 Zetec 5-dr. Alloys, a/c, cd, electrics £9995
08 57 FOCUS 1.6 Style 5-dr. Sport pack, bluetooth, a/c, cd £7795
07 57 FOCUS 1.8 Style 5-dr. Sports pack, a/c, cd £7995
06 06 FOCUS 1.6 LX 5-dr. a/c,cd, electrics £6295
06 56 FOCUS 1.6 LX Estate 5-dr. a/c, cd, electrics £5795
05 55 FOCUS 2.0 Ghia 4-dr. Alloys, a/c, park assist £6495
05 55 FOCUS 2.0 TDCI Ghia 4-dr. Alloys, a/c, park assist £6995
05 05 FOCUS 1.6 Zetec Climate 5-dr. a/c, alloys, cd £5995
04 04 FOCUS ST 170 3-dr. Climate control, xeons, 6-disc cd £6295
04 04 FOCUS 1.6 Ghia 5-dr. Alloys, a/c, cd £4495
02 02 FOCUS 1.6 CL 5-dr. cd, park assist £3495
08 08 C-MAX 1.8 TDCI Zetec 5-dr. Sport pack, a/c, cd £10995
08 57 C-MAX 1.8 TDCI Titanium 5-dr. Alloys, a/c, cd £10995
06 06 C-Max 1.6 TDCi Zetec a/c, cd, alloys £6995
06 06 C-MAX 1.6 TDCI Zetec 5-dr. Alloys, a/c, cd £6995
06 06 C-MAX 1.6 Zetec 5-dr. Alloys, a/c, cd £6995
06 56 MONDEO 2.2 TDCi ST (155PS) a/c, cd, alloys £8995
05 05 MONDEO 2.0 TDCi 130 LX 5-dr. a/c, cd, cruise £5995
05 05 MONDEO 1.8 LX 5-dr. a/c, cd, cruise £4995
07 07 S-MAX 1.8 TDCI LX 5-dr. 7-seats, park assist £12495

AUTOMATICS

08 08 FOCUS 1.6 Zetec Auto 5-dr. Alloys, a/c, cd £9995
08 08 MONDEO 2.3 Edge Auto 5-dr. c/d, a/c, electric £10995
08 08 FUSION 1.4 Zetec Auto 5-dr. a/c, cd, alloys £8995
08 57 MONDEO 2.3 Edge Estate Auto. Sat nav, park assist £11995
08 57 MONDEO 2.0 TDCI Titanium Auto 5-dr. fully loaded £13995
06 06 FIESTA 1.6 Ghia 5-dr Auto. Alloys, a/c, cd, full electrics £7295
06 06 FUSION 1.6 Zetec Auto 5-dr. a/c, cd, alloys £7295
06 06 FOCUS 1.6 LX 5-dr Auto. a/c, cd, electrics £6495
06 06 FOCUS 1.6 Zetec Climate Auto 5-dr. Alloys, a/c, cd £6495
06 06 FOCUS 1.6 Sport Estate Auto. Alloys, a/c, cd £6495
06 06 C-MAX 2.0 Zetec Auto. Alloys, a/c, cd, choice £6995
06 55 FIESTA 1.4 Zetec Climate Auto 3-dr. Alloys, a/c, cd £6295
06 55 FOCUS 2.0 Ghia 5-dr Auto. Alloys, cd, cruise £6995
06 55 C-MAX 2.0 Ghia Auto 5-dr. Alloys, a/c, cd £7295
99 T VW Golf 1.6 Auto 5-dr. Full electrics £2495

CONVERTIBLES

09 09 FOCUS CC3 2.0. Black, cream leather luxury pack £15995
09 09 FOCUS 2.0 TDCI CC2. Alloys, aa/c, cd, choice £14995
06 06 VAUXHALL Astra 1.6 Design. Aloys, cd, a/c £8995

OTHERS

08 58 RENAULT Twingo 1.2 16v Dynamique 3-dr. Alloys, a/c £6995
08 08 VAUXHALL Zafira 1.6 Life 5-dr. a/c, cd, electrics £8295
08 08 TOYOTA Aygo 1.0 VVTi 5-dr. Blue, a/c, bluetooth £7495
07 57 PEUGEOT 308 1.6S 5-dr. a/c, electrics £8495
07 07 RENAULT Clio 1.2 16v Expression 3-dr. a/c, cd £6495
07 07 VAUXHALL Meriva 1.3 CDTi Life. a/c, electrics, cd £7995
07 07 PEUGEOT 207 1.4 Sport 5-dr. Alloys, a/c, cd, ... £7495
07 07 VW Fox 1.2S 3-dr. cd, electrics £5295
06 56 VW Touran 1.9 TDi S 5-dr. 7 seats, alloys, a/c £8995
06 06 VAUXHALL Astra 1.6 Twintop Design. a/c, cd £8995
06 06 TOYOTA Yaris 1.0 T3 3-dr. a/c, cd, electrics £5995
06 06 CITROEN Picasso 1.6 HDi MPV Desire. Full electrics £6495
06 06 CITROEN Picasso 1.6 HDI Exclusive. Climate, alloys £6695
06 06 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.2 SXI + 3-dr. Half leather, a/c, cd £5995
06 06 NISSAN Note 1.4 SE 5-dr. a/c, cd, alloys £6495
06 06 RENAULT Modus 1.4 Dynamique 5-dr. cd, a/c £4995
05 55 PEUGEOT 206 1.4 Sport 3-dr. Alloys, a/c, cd £4495
05 05 RENAULT Scenic 1.9 DCI Dynamique 6-speed. a/c, cd £6495
05 54 RENAULT Laguna 1.9 DCI 120PS. a/c, cd, alloys £4495
05 54 RENAULT Clio 1.2 16v Extreme 3 3-dr. a/c, alloys £4295
04 54 SKODA 1.2 Fabia 5-dr. a/c, cd, alloys £4995
04 54 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.0 Life 3-dr. cd, electrics, choice £3995
04 04 VW Polo 1.2S 3-dr. a/c, cd, electrics £4295
03 03 PEUGEOT 206 1.4 Look 3-dr. a/c, electrics £3495
02 02 PEUGEOT 307 1.4 HDi LX 5-dr. a/c, £35 to tax £3495
02 02 RENAULT Laguna 1.8 5-dr Expression. a/c, alloys, cd £2495
01 51 CHRYSLER PT Cruiser 2.0 Ltd 5-dr. a/c, cd, leather £3995
01 Y MAZDA Premacy 1.8 Atlantis 5-dr. cd, a/c, electrics £2995

£3995
01 51 CHRYSLER PT Cruiser 2.0 Ltd 5-dr a/c, cd, full leather

£10995
08 08 C-MAX 1.8 TDCI Zetec 5-dr MPV. a/c, cd

£8995
08 08 FUSION 1.4 Zetec Auto 5-dr a/c, cd, alloys, tonic blue

£11495
08 57 MONDEO 2.3 Edge Estate Auto. Sat nav, roof rails, park assist, heated seats

PW Millar

Port Road East, BARRY
01446 733248

Opening Times: Weekdays 9am - 6.30pm • Saturday 9am - 5pm • Sunday 10.30am - 5pm

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.PWMILLAR.CO.UK

BASSETTS- BRIDGEND

05 CITROEN Xsara Picasso 1.6 HDi 110 Exclusive 5-Dr Diesel Estate

56 CITROEN C3 1.1i Desire 5-Dr Hatch

07 CITROEN C1 1.0i Cool 3-Dr Hatch

06 CITROEN C2 1.1 Design 3-Dr Hatch

08 **CITROEN C1 1.0i Rhythm 3-Dr Hatch.** Grey, 5,010 miles, PAS, remote control central locking, CD player **£6,995**

57 **CITROEN C1 1.0i Vibe 3-Dr Hatch.** Grey, 10,822 miles, PAS, radio/CD player, 14" steel wheels **£5,995**

07 **CITROEN C1 1.0i Cool 3-Dr Hatch Special Edition.** White, 6,503 miles, PAS, RDS stereo radio/CD player, 14" steel wheels **£6,295**

07 **CITROEN C1 1.0i Vibe 5-Dr Hatch.** Blue, 13,722 miles, PAS, stereo radio/CD player **£6,495**

07 **CITROEN C1 1.0i Vibe 3-Dr Hatch.** Grey, 18,500 miles, PAS, stereo radio/CD player, Nokimat cloth upholstery, 14" steel wheels **£5,695**

06 **CITROEN C1 1.0i Rhythm 5-Dr Hatch.** Red, 28,000 miles, PAS, remote controlcentral locking, electric front windows, radio/CD player, 14" steel wheels **£5,995**

06 **CITROEN C1 1.0i Vibe 5-Dr Hatch.** Grey, 10,000 miles, PAS, ABS, CD player, 14" steel wheels **£5,495**

07 **CITROEN C2 1.1i Design 3-Dr Hatch.** Black, 21,000 miles, PAS, ABS, remote control central locking, electric front windows, radio/CD player **£6,495**

56 **CITROEN C2 1.6i 16v Code 3-Dr Hatch Sp Eds.** In Black, 22,106 miles, PAS, air conditioning, remote control central locking, electric windows, alloy wheels, radio/CD player, leather upholstery **£7,995**

56 **CITROEN C2 1.6i 16v by LOEB 3-Dr Hatch Sp Eds.** Red, 20,700 miles, PAS, air conditioning, remote control central locking, electric windows, alloy wheels, radio/CD player, electric mirrors **£7,495**

08 **CITROEN C3 1.4i Rhythm 5-Dr Hatch.** Silver, 11,325 miles, PAS, ABS, air conditioning, remote central locking, electric front windows, CD player, 14" steel wheels **£7,995**

56 **CITROEN C3 1.1i Desire 5-Dr Hatch Special Edition.** Blue, 19,522 miles, PAS, air conditioning, remote central locking, electric windows, radio/CD player **£5,995**

56 **CITROEN C3 1.1i L 5-Dr Hatch.** Red, 1,534 miles, PAS, remote central locking, electric front windows **£6,595**

06 **CITROEN C3 1.4i SX 5-Dr Hatch.** PAS, auto air conditoning pack, remote central locking, electric windows, radio/CD player **£5,995**

08 **CITROEN C4 Picasso 1.6HDi Plus 5-Dr (5 Seat) Diesel Estate.** Red, 15,789 miles, remote central locking & deadlocks, electric windows, stereo radio/CD player and MP3 facility, cruise control & speed limiter **£12,995**

08 **CITROEN C4 1.6 HDi 16v VTR Plus 3-Dr EGS Diesel Coupe.** Black, 15,440 miles, PAS, ABS, Dual Zone automatic air conditioning,, remote central locking, electric windows, Resolfen alloy wheels, Radio/CD + MP3, electric mirrors **£11,495**

57 **CITROEN C4 Picasso 2.0 16v VTR Plus 5-Dr EGS (5 Seat) Estate.** Beige, 15,603 miles, PAS, remote central locking, electric front/rear windows, radio/CD player and MP3 facility, cruise control, electric heated door mirrors **£10,995**

07 **CITROEN C4 Grand Picasso 2.0i 16v VTR Plus 5-Dr EGS estate.** Silver, 29,000 miles, PAS, ABS, air conditioning with dual temperature setting, remote c/locking, electric front/rear windows, cruise control .. **£10,995**

56 **CITROEN C4 1.6i 16v VTR Plus 3-Dr Coupe.** Silver, 41,845 miles, PAS, remote central locking & deadlocks, electric windows, 17" Resolfen alloy wheels, radio/CD and MP3 ..... **£6,795**

56 **CITROEN C4 1.6i 16v SX 5-Dr Auto Hatch.** Silver, 23,661 miles, PAS, remote central locking and deadlocks, electric windows, radio & single CD, cruise control & speed limiter **£6,495**

56 **CITROEN Xsara Picasso 1.6i 16v Desire 5-Dr Estate.** Silver, 17,318 miles, PAS, remote central locking & dashboard control button, electric windows, stereo radio/CD player **£6,495**

56 **CITROEN Xsara Picasso 1.6i 16v Desire 5-Dr Estate.** Silver, 18,544 miles, PAS, ABS, remote central locking, electric windows, radio/CD player **£6,495**

06 **CITROEN Xsara Picasso 1.6 HDi 92 Exclusive 5-Dr Diesel Estate.** Red, 43,338 miles, PAS, automatic digital air conditioning, remote central locking and dashboard control button, electric windows, 15" Melbourne alloy wheels, radio/CD player **£6,995**

05 **CITROEN Xsara Picasso 2.0 HDi Exclusive 5-Dr Diesel Estate.** Blue, 28,813 miles, PAS, ABS, automatic digital a/c, remote c/locking, electric front/rear windows, alloys, radio/CD player **£6,995**

54 **CITROEN Xsara Picasso 2.0i 16v Exclusive 5-Dr Auto Estate.** Silver, PAS, automatic digital air conditioning, remote central locking, electric front/rear windows, 15" Melbourne wheels, radio/CD player .. **£6,495**

03 **CITROEN Xsara Picasso 1.8i 16v SX 5-Dr Estate.** Beige, 51,500 miles, PAS, remote central door locking, electric windows, CD player .. **£3,995**

08 **CITROEN C5 1.6 HDi 16v VTR+ 4-Dr Diesel Saloon.** Black, 18,500 miles, ABS, Dual Zone automatic air conditioning, remote central locking, cruise control **£12,995**

05 **CITROEN C5 2.0i 16v Exclusive 5-Dr Auto Hatch.** Red, 53,100 miles, PAS, Dual Zone auto air conditioning, remote central locking & deadlocks, Suzuka alloy wheels, 6-CD autochanger **£6,995**

06 **PEUGEOT 206 1.4 Verve 3-Dr Hatch.** Grey, 25,000 miles, PAS, air conditioning, remote central door locking, electric front windows, Tornado alloy wheels, RD3 radio/Mono CD **£6,495**

03 CITROEN Xsara Picasso 1.8i 16v SX 5-Dr Estate

08 CITROEN C1 1.0i Rhythm 3-Dr Hatch

08 CITROEN C4 1.6i 16v Exclusive 5-Dr Hatch

56 CITROEN C2 1.6i 16v Code 3-Dr Hatch Special Edition

BASSETTS - BRIDGEND 01656 649009

SOUTH ROAD, BRIDGEND INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, BRIDGEND, MID GLAMORGAN, CF31 3UL

www.bassettsbridgend.citroen.co.uk

EXHAUSTS • TYRES • BATTERIES • 4x4 TYRES • SHOCKS • BRAKES • DISCS • MOT'S • ALLOY WHEELS

WIN YOUR MONEY BACK

INSTANT WIN

Ask for a scratch card when you fit a pair of Bridgestone tyres

and you could WIN your cash back!

Plus Bridgestone replica podium hats and compact pressure gauges to be won.

1 in 8 cards is a winner.

ETB

BRIDGESTONE PASSION for EXCELLENCE

Proof of purchase of a pair of Bridgestone tyres from ETB required. Only one card per pair of Bridgestone tyres purchased per vehicle. Open to UK residents aged 18 years and over. Offer ends: 30.5.09.

REAR SILENCERS

TO FIT bosal

154-799	Fiesta 1.3 91-97	21.00
185-509	Corsa 1.2 93-00	21.85
278-819	Clio 1.2/1.4 98-98	29.30

CAT CONVERTERS

TO FIT bosal

099-607	Peug 106/Saxo 1.1 96-04	73.50
099-749	Escort 1.6/1.8 93-97	74.50
099-160	Megane 1.4/1.6 96-	72.25

BATTERIES

FROM ONLY **£34.95**

3 YEAR WARRANTY

(Example: UK 063)

PLEASE PHONE IF YOUR PART OR TYRE SIZE IS NOT LISTED.

STANDARD TYRES — FROM £25.95

Bridgestone	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4	Avon	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4		Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4
155/70R13 Bridgestone B250	£40.50	£78	£150	155/70R13 Avon CR322	£34.19	£65	£125	155/70R13 Nexen	£25.95	£50	£95
165/70R13 Bridgestone B250	£45.54	£87	£170	165/70R13 Avon CR322	£36.33	£68	£130	165/70R13 Nexen	£27.63	£52	£100
175/70R14 Bridgestone B250	£57.50	£110	£210	175/70R14 Avon CR322	£44.98	£85	£160	175/70R14 Nexen	£30.30	£58	£110
175/65R14 Bridgestone B250	£46.86	£85	£170	175/65R14 Avon CR322	£39.81	£75	£145	175/65R14 Federal	£32.18	£62	£120

PERFORMANCE TYRES — FROM £32.10

Bridgestone	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4	Avon	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4		Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4
185/60R14 Bridgestone ER300	£55.37	£105	£200	185/60R14 Avon ZV3	£45.50	£87	£170	185/60R14 Nexen	£32.18	£62	£120
185/65R14 Bridgestone B250	£59.40	£115	£225	185/65R14 Avon ZV3	£50.22	£95	£185	185/65R14 Nexen	£32.92	£63	£120
195/60R15 Bridgestone ER300	£73.83	£140	£270	195/60R15 Avon ZV3	£53.65	£105	£200	195/60R15 Nexen	£37.77	£72	£139
195/65R15 Bridgestone B250	£65.91	£125	£240	195/65R15 Avon ZV3	£51.73	£100	£190	195/65R15 Nexen	£36.73	£71	£137

HIGH PERFORMANCE TYRES — FROM £40.10

Bridgestone	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4	Avon	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4		Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4
195/60R15 Bridgestone ER300	£68.43	£130	£250	195/60R15 Avon ZV5	£58.27	£112	£220	195/60R15 Federal	£40.13	£78	£150
195/65R15 Bridgestone ER300	£61.88	£115	£220	195/65R15 Avon ZV5	£50.65	£97	£190	195/65R15 Federal	£41.29	£79	£150
205/60R15 Bridgestone ER300	£73.88	£140	£270	205/60R15 Avon ZV5	£60.21	£117	£230	205/60R15 Federal	£43.50	£82	£158
205/55R16 Bridgestone ER300	£69.30	£130	£250	205/55R16 Avon ZV5	£62.58	£120	£235	205/55R16 Federal	£49.71	£95	£185

ULTRA HIGH PERFORMANCE TYRES — FROM £43.53

Bridgestone	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4	Avon	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4		Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4
205/55R16 Bridgestone RE030	£71.80	£135	£260	205/55R16 Avon ZV5	£65.91	£128	£250	205/55R16 Federal	£51.15	£98	£190
205/45R17 Bridgestone RE040	£119.49	£230	£445	205/40R17 Q Avon ZV3	£74.30	£144	£280	205/40R17 Q Federal	£43.53	£84	£165
225/45R17 Bridgestone RE050	£102.70	£195	£375	225/45R17 XL Avon ZV5	£88.00	£172	£340	225/45R17 Q Federal	£53.60	£103	£200
225/40R18 XL B'stone RE050	£125.50	£245	£475	225/40R18 XL Avon ZV5	£108.33	£212	£420	225/40R18 Federal	£62.72	£122	£238

GOODYEAR SPECIALS

195/65R15 Eagle NCT 5 **£59.95**

205/55R16 Eagle NCT 5 **£69.99**

GOODYEAR

BARRY

Cardiff Road, Cadoxton

Barry CF6 8QW.

Telephone:

01446 733167

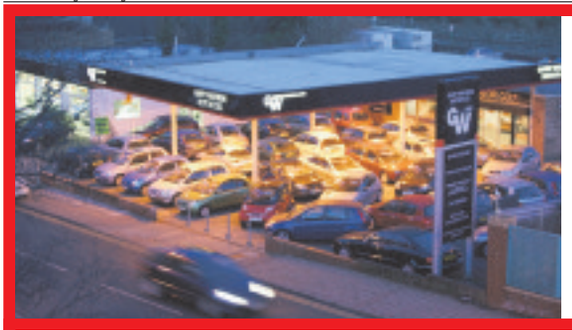
ETB

MOT TESTING only **£35**

INTERIM SERVICE from only **£64.95**

WE ARE OPEN: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8.00am - 5.30pm, SATURDAYS 8.00am - 4.00pm. ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED.

THE PRICE WE QUOTE IS PRICE YOU PAY - ALL OUR PRICES INCLUDE VALVE, BALANCE, FITTING, VAT & CASING DISPOSAL!



Gary Watson Motor Co Ltd

53 MINI Cooper S in met black with black leather trim, 65,000 miles with pan-roof **£7,995**

04 MINI 1.6 Convertible in yellow, 39,000 miles **£8,995**

81 MGB Roadster in gunmetal grey with light grey leather trim. Nut and bolt restoration. On offer at **£6,995**

56 LEXUS iS 250 SEL (New Shape) Automatic. In met. red with cream leather, 17,000 miles **£17,995**

CONVERTIBLES READY FOR SUMMER

99	**JAGUAR XKR Convertible.** In met silver with ivory leather, 61,000 miles with 20" alloys etc.	**£11,995**
08	**PEUGEOT 307 Convertible 2.0 Sport** in met grey with black leather, 10,000 miles	**£10,995**
52	**BMW 318Ci Convertible** In metallic blue with navy hood, 52,000 miles with multi cd, upgraded alloys	**£8,995**
04	**MINI 1.6 Convertible** In yellow, 39,000 miles	**£8,995**
Y	**AUDI TT 225 Convertible** In black with baseball leather trim, 46,000 miles, FSH, superb	**£8,995**
81	**MGB Roadster** in gunmetal grey with light grey leather trim. Nut and bolt restoration. on offer at	**£6,995**
01	**MERCEDES SLK 230 Auto.** Silver, black leather trim, 76k miles, looks and drives superb	**REDUCED BY £1000 TO £6,995**
53	**MG TF 1.8** in met silver with charcoal leather trim and navy soft top, low mileage example at only	**£4,995**
99	**MAZDA MX5 1.8.** Met green with beige leather trim, 65,000 miles, host of extras	**£4,995**
03	**MGTF 1.8 (135)** In met. blue, 25,000 miles, superb example at	**£4,695**

PRESTIGE & 4X4

06	**VOLVO XC 90 2.4 D5 SE Automatic.** In black with black leather trim, 33,000 miles, 7 seater, 4x4 diesel at	**£18,995**
08	**BMW 320 SE** In met -silver, 9,000 miles, fantastic value at	**£17,995**
56	**LEXUS iS 250 SEL (New Shape) Automatic.** In met. red with cream leather, 17,000 miles	**£17,995**
04	**MERCEDES E320CDi Avantgarde Automatic.** In tanzania with grey leather trim, 61,000 miles, Full panoramic roof	**REDUCED BY £500 TO £12,995**
56	**BMW 118 Diesel Sport** In silver with charcoacl trim, 27,000 miles, fsh	**£12,995**
56	**VW Golf 2.0 TDi GTi (170) 5-dr Automatic.** In met-silver, 35,000 miles with sat nav, etc	**£12,995**
56	**HONDA Civic ES 2.2 CTDi 5-dr** in silver, 28,000 miles, a diesel with full glass roof	**£10,695**
55	**MERCEDES C220 CDi SE Sport Coupe Auto.** In smoke silver, 58,000 miles	**REDUCED BY £1000 TO £10,995**
54	**BMW 530 SE Automatic** In met silver with full black leather trim, full specification executive saloon at	**£9,995**
06	**JAGUAR X-Type 2.0 Diesel** in light blue met with grey half-leather trim, 71,000 miles,	**REDUCED BY £1000 TO £7,995**
04	**BMW 320 Diesel Sport Touring** in met grey with black leather trim, f antastic value at	**£7,995**
53	**MINI Cooper S** in met black with black leather trim, 65,000 miles with pan-roof	**£7,995**
53	**MINI Cooper** in met silver with black roof and half leather trim, low mileage example with full glass roof	**£7,695**
04	**MITSUBISHI Shogun Sport 3.0 Auto Warrior** in black, 41,000 miles	**£6,995**
53	**MERCEDES C200 Kompressor 6-speed** in black, 46,000 miles with cd, alloys, etc	**REDUCED BY £1000 TO £6,995**
52	**MERCEDES C240 Avant Garde Auto** in met blue, low mileage example at	**£5,995**
99	**BMW 520 SE Auto** In met blue with grey trim, 18" alloys etc.	**£2,695**

SMALL, ECONOMICAL AND FAMILY CARS FROM £1,995

07	**PEUGEOT 407 2.0 HDi S/W** in ice blue with full panoramic roof, high spec diesel estate at	**£7,995**
04	**TOYOTA Avensis 2.0 Diesel T-Spirit D-4D 5-dr** in met silver champagne with black leather trim, 71,000 miles, top of the range diesel at only	**£6,995**
06	**RENAULT Clio 1.4 Dynamique 3-dr (new shape)** in black, low mileage example at	**£6,495**
06	**NISSAN Micra 1.4 SVE Automatic.** In met grey, 26,000 miles, fantastic specification	**£6,495**
55	**RENAULT Megane 1.5 Diesel Expression Automatic.** In met silver, 37,000 miles	**£6,495**
06	**PEUGEOT 207 1.4S 3-dr** in met grey, very desirable hatch at	**£5,995**
55	**FORD Focus TDCi Zetec 5-dr** in met red, 45,000 miles, stylish, economical hatch	**REDUCED BY £500 TO £5,995**
04	**TOYOTA Avensis 1.8 T3X** in met silver, low mileage family car at only	**£5,995**
55	**VAUXHALL Astra 1.6 SXi Twin port 5-dr** in silver, 36,000 miles, sporty family hatch at	**£5,995**
04	**MAZDA 3 TS2 2.0 5-Dr.** In met. grey, 34,000 miles, very nice example at	**£5,995**
07	**RENAULT Clio 1.2 Campass 3-dr** in silver with cd, a/c, etc	**£4,995**
55	**RENAULT Clio 1.2 Expression 5-dr** in silver, 42,000 miles with cd, sunroof, etc	**£4,995**
05	**RENAULT Clio 1.2 Extreme 4.** In met. grey, 38,000 miles with CD, alloys	**£4,995**
03	**CITROEN C8 2.0 HDi SX 7 Seater** In Jade metallic, 70,000 miles with electric sliding rear doors	**£4,995**
54	**FIAT Panda 1.2 Eleganza** in met-blue, 52,000 miles with roof rails, CD, A/C	**£3,995**
04	**SMART CAR Pulse.** Red & black, black leather trim, 35,000 miles. full glass roof	**£4,995**
52	**TOYOTA Yaris 1.5 T-Sport 3-dr** in smoke silver, 41,000 miles, FSH, superb value at	**£4,695**
04	**PEUGEOT 206 1.4 Verve 5-dr** in ice blue metallic, 29,000 miles	**£4,495**
04	**NISSAN Almera 2.2 DCI SE 5-dr.** 49,000 miles, superb value diesel at	**REDUCED BY £500 TO £4,495**
54	**SUZUKI 1.5 VVTi Ignis Sport.** In Met Silver, 50,000 miles, with Recara sports seats, alloys etc.	**£4,695**
55	**FIAT Punto 1.2 Sunroof Special.** In blue, very nice example	**REDUCED BY £600 TO £3,695**
04	**FORD Ka 1.3 Style** In Silver, low mileage, local car at	**£3,695**
04	**DAEWOO Kalos 145X 5-dr.** Met blue, 17,000 miles, ideal family hatch, fantastic value	**£3,695**
55	**CHEVROLET Lacetti 1.4 SE 5-dr.** In black, fantastic value at	**£3,495**
05	**DAEWOO Lacetti SX 5-dr** in silver, 26,000 miles, excellent example at	**£3,495**
03	**RENAULT Megane 1.4 Dynamique 5-dr** in met blue, stylish modern family hatch at	**£3,495**
03	**RENAULT Clio 1.2 Expression 16v.** 3-dr in electric blue, low mileage local car at	**£3,495**
02	**MG ZR 2.0 Diesel 3-dr** in met burgundy, low mileage example at	**£3,295**
03	**RENAULT Clio 1.2 3-Dr.** In Silver, 50,000 miles with CD, E/Windows, C/Locking	**REDUCED BY £500 TO £2,995**
03	**FORD Ka 1.3i.** In Blue, 30,000 miles, local car at	**£2,995**
53	**MG 1.4 ZR 3-dr.** In Bright metallic Green, 55,000 miles, low mileage on offer at	**REDUCED BY £500 TO £2,995**
52	**VAUXHALL Astra 1.8 SXi 3-dr.** In met. silver, 69,000 miles, full sports pack plus upgraded alloys	**£2,995**
02	**SKODA Fabia 1.4 16v 4-dr** in light metallic blue, 50,000 miles	**£2,995**
Y	**NISSAN Micra 1.0 S 5-dr Automatic.** In met-green, 21,000 miles, 2 lady owners from new	**£2,995**
03	**FORD Ka 1.3.** In Blue, 48,000 miles with PAS, CD etc.	**REDUCED BY £300 TO £2,695**
W	**FORD Puma 1.7** Met silver, 59,000 miles, with a/c, c/d, alloys	**REDUCED BY £500 TO £2,495**
Y	**VOLKSWAGEN Golf 1.6 Estate** In Silver with privacy glass, roof rails etc.	**REDUCED BY £500 TO £2,495**
02	**DAEWOO Matiz SE** in bright met green, 33,000 miles, low insurance	**£2,395**
02	**DAEWOO Tacuma 1.6 SX** in silver, 55,000 miles, a/c, cd	**£1,995**

RAC WARRANTIES

01446 722600

Broad Street, Barry (Next to Barry Railway Station)

RAC WARRANTIES

FINANCE PACKAGES TO SUIT ALL • 0% DEPOSIT FINANCE AVAILABLE • ALL CARS HPi CLEAR

PART EXCHANGE WELCOME • OPEN 7 DAYS • CARS BOUGHT FOR CASH

ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS TAKEN

www.garywatsonmotorcompany.co.uk

Est. 1979

New Broad Street Motors Ltd

Broad Street, Barry

BMW/MINI

07 **57 BMW 5 series 2.0 Turbo Diesel M Sport 4-dr Saloon** in metallic space grey with black Dakota leather interior, M pack fog lights, front and rear parking sensors, on board computer, 18 inch twin spoke alloy wheels, only 21,845 miles **£22,995**

02 **02 BMW 3 Series 2.0 318ti SE Compact Hatchback 3-dr.** In jet black with anthracite interior, parking sensors, multifunction steering wheel, cd, climate control, electric windows and mirrors, only 79,181 miles **£4,995**

01 **51 BMW 2.0 318i Touring 5-dr Estate.** In steel blue with jacquard grey interior, rear parking sensors, trip computer, CD, alloy wheels, only 69,830 miles **£5,995**

CONVERTIBLES

02 **02 PORSCHE Boxster S 3.2 2-dr convertible** in brilliant silver with black leather interior, 18inch sport design alloy wheels, wind deflector, heated seats, only 38,850 miles **£14,995**

02 **52 VOLVO C70 2.0T Convertible 2-dr.** In Silver with beige leather upholstery, air con, electric windows and mirrors, CD, alloy wheels, only 63,125 miles **£6,995**

05 **05 MGTF 1.6 115 Convertible** In ignition blue, rear glass screen, alloy wheels, CD, only 18,025 miles . . **£5,995**

99 **T MAZDA MX5 1.8i 2-dr Convertible 10th Anniversary Limited Edition.** In metallic blue with blue/black interior, alloy wheels, CD, alarm, immobiliser, body coloured bumpers, only 42,422 miles **£5,495**

03 **03 AUDI TT Roadster 1.8 Petrol 150bhp.** In black, with biscuit leather interior, alloy wheels, CD, heated seats, only 32,000 miles **£9,995**

03 **53 MG TF Convertible 1.8 135 16v 2-dr.** In metallic silver with dark interior, alloy wheels, CD, only 22,723 miles **£4,495**

EXECUTIVE/SPORTS

06 **06 VW Golf 1.9 TDi Sport 5-dr hatchback** in steel grey with grey interior, cd, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, only 56,325 miles **£8,995**

06 **06 FORD Focus 1.8 TDCi 5-dr hatchback** in panther black with Hurny dark flint interior, cd, alloy wheels, air con, front fogs, only 27,325 miles **£7,995**

04 **54 TOYOTA Celica 1.8 VVTi Premium Coupe.** In crystal silver with Montreal black leather interior, climate control, alloy wheels, immobiliser, deadlocks, alarm, CD, only 27,953 miles **£8,995**

04 **54 ROVER 75 Tourer 2.0 CDTi Connoisseur SE 5-dr Estate Automatic.** In Cimarron Greem with black leather interior, walnut dash and steering wheel, alloy wheels, rear parking sensors, only 48,180 miles **£6,995**

04 **54 HYUNDAI Coupe 1.6S 3-dr Coupe** in smart silver with dark interior, air con, cd, alloy wheels, alarm, only 46,770 miles **£5,495**

03 **53 MERCEDES S350 Automatic 3.7 Petrol 4-dr Saloon.** In brilliant silver with black leather, automatic climate control, walnut wood trim, sat nav, heated seats, CD, front and rear parking sensors, alloy wheels, full Mercedes service history, only 78,700 miles **£12,995**

03 **53 PEUGEOT 406 2.2 HDi SE Coupe 2-dr.** In Silver with red Amarante leather interior, alarm, alloy wheels, CD, GPS navigation, cruise control, heated front seats, only 46,700 miles **£5,995**

02 **52 AUDI A4 SE 2.0 Petrol 4-dr Saloon Automatic.** In Crystal Blue with phoenix cloth interior, parking sensors on front and rear, air con, CD, alloy wheels, electric windows, only 55,560 miles **£5,995**

04 **04 FORD Mondeo 1.8 SCi Ghia 5-dr.** In Stardust silver with dark interior, air con, steering wheel mounted controls, CD, alarm, only 33,795 miles **£4,995**

ECONOMICAL SMALL CARS

08 **58 FORD Fiesta 1.4 TDCi Zetec Climate 5-dr Hatchback.** In amethyst purple with tungsten denim blue interior, air con, CD, MP3 connection, Isofix anchorage point, colour coded bumpers, only 9,590 miles **£8,995**

08 **57 FORD Ka 1.3 Zetec Climate 3-dr Hatchback.** In apple green with Cascade indigo interior, climate control, alloy wheels, CD, body coloured bumpers, heated front screen, only 3,873 miles **£5,995**

07 **07 FORD Fusion Zetec Climate 1.4 5-dr Hatchback.** In metallic tango red with onyx dream interior, alloy wheels, chrome front grille surround, front fog lights, trip computer, air con, only 10,870 miles **£6,995**

07 **07 PEUGEOT 206 1.4 Look 3-dr Hatchback** in aluminium silver with Madison graphite interior, air con, cd, electric front windows, only 9,120 miles **£6,495**

07 **07 RENAULT Clio 1.2 16v Extreme 3-dr Hatchback.** In metallic black with dark interior, alloy wheels, CD, body coloured bumpers, front electric windows, only 19,005 miles **£6,495**

07 **07 FIAT Grande Punto 1.2 Active 5-dr Hatchback.** In chemical gray with drop blue black interior, central locking, CD, immobiliser, body coloured bumpers, only 22,120 miles **£5,795**

06 **56 FORD Fiesta 1.25 Zetec Climate 3-dr Hatchback** in tonic blue with tungsten/denim interior, air con, alloy wheels, quick clear screen, cd, front fogs, only 24,250 miles **£6,495**

06 **56 CITROEN C3 1.4i Desire 5-dr Hatchback.** Artic blue, tomy blue interior, a/c, c/l, pas, 5 seats **£5,995**

06 **06 PEUGEOT 206 1.4 Verve 3-dr Hatchback.** In onyx black with madison grey interior, air con, alloy wheels, CD, low insurance, only 14,545 miles **£5,995**

06 **06 RENAULT Clio 1.4 16v Dynamique 3-dr Hatchback.** In odyssey blue with jacquard black interior, front fogs, alloy wheels, CD, only 35,870 miles **£5,995**

06 **56 PEUGEOT 107 1.0 12v Urban 3-dr Hatchback.** In Raven black with black matrix interior, electric windows, CD, colour coded bumpers, only 16,465 miles **£5,995**

06 **06 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.4 16v SXi 3-dr Hatchback.** In pomegranite red with Duke charcoal interior, alloy wheels, CD, immobiliser, power steering, front electric windows, only 3,480 miles **£5,495**

05 **05 NISSAN Micra 1.2 16v Urbis 5-dr Hatchback.** In Grey with dark grey interior, rear parking sensors, CD, alloy wheels, only 12,215 miles **£5,495**

04 **04 RENAULT Clio 1.5dCi Dynamique 5-dr hatchback** in Odyssey met blue with jacquard black interior, sunroof, alloyt wheels, air con, alarm, cd, only 31,538 miles **£4,995**

03 **03 TOYOTA Yaris GS 1.0L Petrol 5-dr.** In dark green, with grey interior, central locking, CD, only 63,500 miles **£3,995**

02 **02 RENAULT Clio 1.4 16v Privilege 5-dr Hatchback.** In Nordic green with vertigo grey interior, air con, 5 belted seats, body coloured bumpers, power steering, only 38,940 miles. **£3,995**

04 **04 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.0 Life 3-dr Hatchback.** In breeze blue with Orleans charcoal interior, CD, 5 belted seats, steering wheel audio mounted controls, only 56,321 miles **£3,495**

02 **02 FORD KA 1.3 Hatchback** in Blue with blue interior, pas, insurance group 2, only 58,587 miles, ... **£2,495**

01 **51 PEUGEOT 106 1.5 Diesel Zest 2 3-dr hatchback** in met light blue with blue interior, cd, immobiliser, pas, only 47,760 miles **£2,495**

FAMILY SELECTION

07 **56 TOYOTA Auris T3 D-4D.** In Ixion Blue Mica, with anthracite interior, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, trip computer, shift indicator, only 12,700 miles **£9,995**

07 **07 FORD Focus Zetec Climate 1.8 TDCi** in moon dust silver with rack ebony interior, quick clear front screen, air con, alloy wheels, only 19,200 miles **£8,995**

06 **56 FORD Focus 1.6 Ghia 5-dr Hatchback Automatic.** In aquarius blue with cubical ebony interior, air con, cruise control. quick clear screen, only 26,900 miles **£7,995**

07 **57 VAUXHALL Astra 1.4 16v Energy** In star silver with charcoal interior, air con, CD, MP3 connection, Isofix anchorage points, only 8,810 miles **£7,995**

05 **05 HONDA Civic SE 1.7 CDTi 5-dr Hatchback.** In magnetic blue with hatch black interior, body coloured bumpers, alloy wheels, CD, only 50,300 miles **£6,495**

04 **04 FORD Focus C-Max 2.0 TDCi Ghia MPV.** In moondust silver with Linea ebony interior, alarm, cruise control, CD, alloy wheels, only 54,290 miles **£5,995**
seats, front fogs, only 61,695 miles **£5,995**

03 **03 RENAULT Megane 1.6 16v Dynamique 5-dr.** In metallic Hessian with charcoal grey interior, panoramic roof, air con, CD, auto lights, electric windows front and rear, 56,752 miles **£3,995**

04 **04 FORD Mondeo 1.8 Mistrial 5-dr.** In Tonic Blue with majestic ebony upholstery, air con, central locking, CD, alloy wheels, only 61,165 miles **£3,995**

04 **04 MG ZR+ 1.4 3-dr.** In metallic grey with half leather interior, electric windows, air con, alloy wheels, CD, only 63,335 miles **£3,995**

01 **Y PEUGEOT 206 1.6GLX 5-dr.** In metallic blue with dark interior, air con, front fogs, only 64,000 miles. . **£2,995**

01 51 PEUGEOT 106 1.5 Diesel Zest 2 3-dr hatchback in met light blue with blue interior, cd, immobiliser, pas, only 47,760 miles **£2,495**

01 51 BMW 2.0 318i Touring 5-dr Estate. In steel blue with jacquard grey interior, rear parking sensors, trip computer, CD, alloy wheels, only 69,830 miles **£5,995**

07 56 TOYOTA Auris T3 D-4D. In Ixion Blue Mica, with anthracite interior, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, trip computer, shift indicator, only 12,700 miles **£9,995**

06 06 VW Golf 1.9 TDi Sport 5-dr hatchback in steel grey with grey interior, cd, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, only 56,325 miles **£8,995**

08 58 FORD Fiesta 1.4 TDCi Zetec Climate 5-dr Hatchback. In amethyst purple with tungsten denim blue interior, air con, CD, MP3 connection, Isofix anchorage point, colour coded bumpers, only 9,590 miles **£8,995**

04 04 RENAULT Clio 1.5dCi Dynamique 5-dr hatchback in Odyssey met blue with jacquard black interior, sunroof, alloy wheels, air con, alarm, cd, only 31,538 miles **£4,995**

06 56 FORD Fiesta 1.25 Zetec Climate 3-dr Hatchback in tonic blue with tungsten/denim interior, air con, alloy wheels, quick clear screen, cd, front fogs, only 24,250 miles **£6,495**

99 T MAZDA MX5 1.8i 2-dr Convertible 10th Anniversary Limited Edition. In metallic blue with blue/black interior, alloy wheels, CD, alarm, immobiliser, body coloured bumpers, only 42,422 miles **£5,495**

01446 720044

ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

visit our website

Gwasanaeth Cymraeg Ar Gael

View our stock online

Finance available subject to status, UK residence, over 18 years of age.
Written quotations available on request.
Guarantees may be required.

www.nbsm.co.uk

Vauxhall Aftersales Service to support your purchase

REAL SAVINGS at James & Jenkins

Renault Aftersales Service to support your purchase

HURRY! BE QUICK – LIMITED NUMBERS!!

09 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.4 ACTIVE

with Delivery Mileage. (1.6 model also available)

FROM ONLY **£9,995**

6 Left!

or NIL DEPOSIT and just **£199** per month

Cash price £9995.00; Nil deposit; First payment of £394.98; Followed by 58 monthly payments of £199.98; Final payment of £294.98; Total amount payable £12280.80

8.9% APR TYPICAL

HURRY! BE QUICK – LIMITED NUMBERS!!

08 CHRYSLER VOYAGER EXECUTIVE DIESEL

OUR PRICE **£12,695**

Finance subject to status. Based on annual mileage of 10,000. Part exchange may be used as a deposit. Offer only available when taking one of our finance plans. Terms & conditions apply. Cars for illustration purposes only.

JAMES & JENKINS' SCRAPPAGE SCHEME

Call NOW for details on how replacing your old car with a nearly new one can save you **£1,000s!!**

COMING SOON to James & Jenkins

DODGE CHRYSLER Jeep

CALL (029) 2030 4020 for details

ALL THESE VEHICLES CAN BE PURCHASED FOR JUST

Under £5,000

With 1 year warranty

07 Lacetti SX 1.6 5dr in Poly Silver, 22,680 miles £4495

07 Lacetti SX 1.6 5dr in Poly Silver, 23,501 miles £4495

07 Chevrolet Lacetti 1.6 SX 5dr in Poly Silver, 23,501 miles £4495

57 Chevrolet Kalos 1.2 SE £4695

54 Focus Zetec 1.6 5dr in Blue, 35,000 miles £4995

05 Fusion City 1.4 5dr in Silver, 33,000 miles £4995

James & Jenkins are authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority

A SELECTION OF OUR PRE-OWNED STOCK!

ASTRA

05 Astra Life 1.8 AUTO 5dr in Gold, 19,261 miles £5495
57 Astra Life 1.4 5dr in Black £6995
57 Astra Life 1.4 5dr in Grey, Air Con, 23,231 miles £6995
57 Astra Life 1.4 5dr in Silver, 25,393 miles £6995
57 Astra Life VVT 1.6 Est in Silver, 14,886 miles £6695
07 Astra Life 1.6 Estate in Silver £6695
07 Astra Design VVT 1.8 Estate in Star Silver £6995
55 Astra Design 1.9 3dr DIESEL in Pomegranate, 61,000 miles £7495
57 Astra SXi 1.7 5dr DIESEL in Silver, 20,000 miles £8495
56 Astra Sport 1.8 3dr in Silver Lightning, X-Pack, 33,000 miles £8995
57 Astra Sxi 1.6 Estate in Black Sapphire, 19683 miles £8995
57 Astra SRi 1.6 Turbo Sport Hatch 3dr, in Black, 14,367 miles £9995
57 Astra Elite VVT 1.8 5dr AUTO in Star Silver, 8,973 miles £9995

AGILA

57 Agila Club 1.2 5dr in Blue, 16,478 miles £7495
57 Agila Club 1.2 5dr inBlue, 16,478 miles £7495
08 Agila Club 1.2 5dr in Black, 5,848 miles £7495
58 Agila Design 1.2 5dr in Blue, 1500 miles £8295

CORSA

06 Corsa Life 1.2 3dr in Ultra Blue, 20,000 miles £5495
55 Corsa SXi 1.2 3dr in Black, Air conditioning, 21,900 miles £5695
08 Corsa Club 1.2 5dr, in Silver Lightning, 15,900 miles £7695
57 Corsa Club 1.2 3dr in Star Silver, 9,726 miles £7495
08 Corsa Breeze 1.2 5dr in Black, 7,777 miles £7995
08 Corsa Design 5dr £7995
08 Corsa Club 1.3 5dr DIESEL in Ultra Blue, 20,112 miles £8495
08 Corsa SXi 1.4 3dr in Black Sapphire, 7,959 miles £8695
58 Corsa Design 1.4 3dr in Silver, 7,282 miles £8995
58 Corsa Breeze 1.2 3dr in Red, **Delivery Miles Only** £9495
58 Corsa SXi 1.2 3dr in Black Sapphire, 5,486 miles £9495
58 Corsa Breeze 1.2 3dr in Red, Delivery miles only £9495
57 Corsa Design CDTi 1.7 3dr DIESEL in Blue, 12,084 miles £9495

MERIVA

56 Meriva Energy 1.4 MPV in Black, 29,144 miles £6495
57 Meriva Design 1.6 MPV in Blue, 15,175 miles £7995
08 Meriva Design MPV in Star Silver, 17,067 miles £8495
08 Meriva Design 1.6 5dr in Silver, 12,562 miles £8995
08 Meriva Breeze CDTi MPV DIESEL in Silver, only 4,761 miles £9495
58 Meriva Design 1.6 MPV in Black Sapphire, 5,500 miles £9495

TIGRA

06 Tigra Exclusiv 1.4 Cabriolet in Black, 30,000 miles £8695

VECTRA

57 Vectra Design 1.8 5dr in Pannacotta, 18,252 miles £8295
08 Vectra Exclusive 1.8 5dr in Black, 11641 miles £8295
08 Vectra SRi with Air Con £8695
07 Vectra Life 1.8 5dr in Blue £6995
08 Vectra Elite CDTi 1.9 5dr AUTO DIESEL Silver Lightning, 14,047 miles £11495

ZAFIRA

57 Zafira Design CDTi 1.9 MPV DIESEL in Silver, 18,942 miles £10295
57 Zafira Design CDTi 1.9 MPV DIESEL in Black Sapphire, 14,871 miles £10295
57 Zafira Elite CDTi 1.9 MPV DIESEL in Beige, 21,552 miles £11495
08 Zafira Elite CDTi 1.9 MPV DIESEL in Steel Blue, 17,436 miles £11995

CHRYSLER

08 Sebring CRD Limited 2.0 SAL Diesel in Silver 16280 miles £9995

RENAULT

08 Clio Dynamique 1.2 Turbo 4dr in Tempest, 12,088 miles £8495

CHEVROLET

08 Lacetti SX 1.6 5dr in Poly Silver 5,828 miles £5995
08 Aveo LT 1.4 AUTO 5dr in Poly Silver, 8,551 miles £7495

AUTOMATICS

05 Astra Life 1.8 5dr in Gold, 19,261 miles £5495
56 Astra Life 1.8 in Silver £6495
08 Chevrolet Aveo LT 1.4 5dr in Poly Silver, 8,551 miles £7495
57 Corsa Design 1.4 3dr in Black, Only 6,050 miles £8495
08 Corsa Club 1.4 5dr in Star Silver, Only 8,207 miles £8995
57 Astra Elite VVT 1.8 AUTO 5dr in Star Silver, Only 8,973 miles £9995
58 Corsa SXi 1.4 3dr in Metro Blue, 977 miles £9995
08 Vectra Elite CDTi 1.9 5dr DIESEL in Silver Lightning, 14,047 miles £11495

OTHER MAKES

07 Hyundai Amica GSX 1.1 AUTO 5dr in Yellow, Only 5,000 miles £5495
55 Suzuki Swift GL 1.3 3drin Grey, 14,000 miles £5695
07 Ford Fiesta Style 1.2 5dr in Purple, 10,102 miles £5995
08 Chevrolet Lacetti SX 1.6 5dr in Poly Silver, Only 5,828 miles £5995
57 Citroen C4 Cool 16v 1.6 5drin Grey, 13,300 miles £6995
07 Ford Focus Sport 1.6 5dr in Grey £7295
04 Mazda MX5 VT Sport 1.8 Cabriolet in Silver, 36,000 miles £7495
57 Renault Clio Dynamique 1.4 5dr in Black, Big Alloys 5,299 miles £7695
07 VW Golf 3dr in Grey, 32,000 miles £7995

REDUCED

56 Audi A4 2.0 TDCi DIESEL S-Line in Black, lovely condition throughout £13995

All with brand new MOT where applicable & all cars with at least 1yrs warranty

DUE TO AN INCREASE IN DEMAND WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR PART EXCHANGE! BEST PRICES GIVEN!

James & Jenkins

(029) 2030 4020

Open until 7pm Monday to Friday

Find all our latest offers at www.jamesandjenkins.co.uk

Your local family dealer Established 25 years

Station Road
Llandaff North
Cardiff CF14 2FB

OPENING HOURS:
Mon-Fri 9.00am-7.00pm.
Sat 9.00am-5.00pm.
Sun 10.00am-5.00pm.

GOLD HPI CHECKED · FULLY VALETED · MAJORITY ONE OWNER FSH · CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED · FINANCE AVAILABLE · CARS BOUGHT FOR CASH · SHOWROOM FACILITIES · OPEN 7 DAYS

54 FORD Focus C-Max 1.8LX 5-dr. Finished in moon-dust silver, pas, c/l, e/w, a/c, radio, cd, 37k **£4995**

54 PEUGEOT 206 GTi 1.6 HDi (Diesel) 110 3-dr. Finished in aegean blue with **full black leather**, sports pack, alloys, a/c, multiplay cd, 44k **£6495**

06 AUDI A3 SE 1.9TDi (Diesel) 5-dr. Finished in black, alloys, climate, cd, 67k **£8995**

56 CITROEN C3 Desire 1.4 HDi (Diesel) 5-dr. Finished in wicked red, pas, r/c/l, e/w, a/c, cd, 1 owner, 33k **£5795**

CONVERTIBLES

06 PEUGEOT 206 CC 1.6 Alure. Finished in moonstone blue met, alloys, a/c, radio, cd, 28k **£7495**
05 RENAULT Megane CC 1.9 DCi (Diesel) Dynamique. Finished in met grey, alloys, climate, cd, 50k **£7495**
05 PEUGEOT 206 CC Quicksilver 1.6. Finished in met silver with Quicksilver trim, alloys, climate control, cd, 38k . . . **£6795**
03 PORSCHE Boxster 3.2 S. Finished in black **with full grey leather**, 18" upgrade alloys, a/c, sports seats, cd, electric hood, 60k **£13795**

SPORTS/EXECUTIVE

57 VAUXHALL Astra 1.9 CDTI (Diesel) (150bhp) 16v SRI. Met black, **full black leather,** sports seats, pas, alloys, a/c, 25k **£10295**
07 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.6 VXR 3-Dr. Finished in met black, **half leather**, alloys, a/c, cd, sports seats, 23k **£10995**
07 FIAT Grande Punto Sporting M-Jet 1.9 (Diesel) 3-dr. Finished in black, alloys, a/c, cd, 13k **£7295**
07 FIAT Punto Grande 1.4 Active Sport 3-Dr. Finished in metallic silver, alloys, cd, pas, c/locking, e/windows **£5295**
56 AUDI Q7 S-Line 3.0TDi (Diesel) Quattro. Finished in met black with **black leather/suede interior**, 20" alloys, climate control, cd, 1 owner, fsh, 28k **£25995**
06 AUDI A3 SE 1.9TDI (Diesel) 5-dr. Finished in black, alloys, climate, cd , 67k **£8995**
55 BMW 525 SE (Diesel) Auto Finished in met silver with full **black Dakota leather,** alloys, climate, cd, 1 owner fsh, 55k . . **£12495**
55 JAGUAR X-Type Sport 2.0 V6 Auto. Finished in black, **with black leather**, alloys, a/c, cd, 1 owner, fsh, 49k **£7995**
55 FORD Fiesta 2.0 ST. Finished in performance blue, **black leather/sports cloth trim**, alloys, a/c, cd, 52k **£6795**
05 PEUGEOT 206 2.0 GTi 180 3-dr. Finished in metallic silver with **black leather suede upholstery,** sports seats, alloys, a/c, multiplay cd, 25k **£6695**
54 PEUGEOT 206 GTi 1.6 HDi (Diesel) 110 3-dr. Finished in aegean blue with **full black leather**, sports pack, alloys, a/c, multiplay cd, 44k **£6495**
54 SEAT Leon Cupra 1.8 20v Turbo 5-dr. Finished in black, alloys, climate control, cd multichanger, 1 owner, 74k . . . **£5495**
53 VW Golf 1.9 GT TDi (Diesel) 5-Dr. Finished in met silver, alloys, a/c, cd, 67k **£6295**
52 BMW 316 TI Compact SE. Finished in black, alloys, a/c, cd, 72k **£5195**
52 PEUGEOT 206 GTI 2.0 3-dr. Finished in china blue met, **leather/suede interior**, pas, alloys, climate, cd **£4295**
Y PEUGEOT 206 GTI 2.0 3-dr. Finished in met silver, **black leather trim**, alloys, climate, cd, 36k **£3695**
T FIAT Coupe Turbo 2.0. Finished in speed red, **full black leather**, alloys, a/c, cd 12 disc multichanger, 81k **£2695**

4x4 / MPV / ESTATE

07 RENAULT Megane Dynamique 1.6 VVTI Sport Tourer. Finished in met grey,alloys, a/c, cd, 18k **£6995**
07 VAUXHALL Meriva 1.6 Design Finished in met silver, twin electric sunroofs, a/c, radio, cd, 16k **£6995**
56 AUDI Q7 S-Line 3.0TDi (Diesel) Quattro. Finished in met black with **black leather/suede interior**, 20" alloys, climate control, cd, 1 owner, fsh, 28k **£25995**
06 PEUGEOT Partner Totem 1.9D (Diesel) 5-dr. Finished in met grey, pas, e/w, a/c. cd, 1 owner, 30k **£5495**
55 FORD Mondeo LX Estate 2.0 TDCi (Diesel). Finished in met black, air con, cd, cruise control, 1 owner, fsh, 54k . . **£5495**
55 PEUGEOT Partner Totem 1.9 (Diesel) 5-dr. Finished in met ice blue, pas, c/l, e/w, cd, 33k **£5495**
05 RENAULT Megane Sport Tourer Dynamique 1.9 DCi (Diesel) Estate. Met grey, alloys, climate, cd, fsh, 1 owner . **£4695**
05 FORD Mondeo LX 2.0 TDCi (Diesel) Estate. Finished in platinum met, a/c, cd, pas, c/l, e/w, 1 owner, fsh **£4195**
05 RENAULT Laguna Expression 2.0 16v Sport Tourer. Finished in met grey, alloys, a/c, cd, electric sunroof, 74k **£3995**
54 FORD Focus C-Max 1.8LX 5-dr. Finished in moondust silver, pas, c/l, e/w, a/c, radio, cd, 37k **£4995**
53 VAUXHALL Zafira 1.6 Club 5-dr. Finished in met green, pas, c/l, e/w, a/c, **7-seats**, 55k **£3995**
03 NISSAN Almera Tino S 1.8 5-dr. Finished in met silver, pas, c/l, e/w, climate control, 43k **£3695**
Y VAUXHALL Zafira Elegance 2.2 Auto. Finished in met blue, alloys, a/c, roof rails **£2495**

FAMILY CARS

07/57 VAUXHALL Astra 1.9 CDTI 16v SRI. Met black, **full black leather sports seats**, pas, alloys, a/c, 25k **£10295**
56 CITROEN C4 VTR+ 1.6 5-dr. Finished in met silver, alloys, climate, cd, 24k **£6295**
06 FORD Focus 1.6 Zetec Climate T 3-dr. Finished in moondust silver, alloys, climate, cd, 1 owner, 33k **£6295**
06 CITROEN C4 1.4 VT Coupe. Finished in met grey, pas, r/c/l, e/w, cd, 1 owner, fsh, 37k **£4995**
06 PEUGEOT 307 1.6S 5-dr. Finished in black, alloys, a/c, cd, 31k **£5995**
06/55 FORD Focus 1.6 Ghia 5-dr. Finished in panther black met, alloys, a/c, cd, 1 owner, FSH, 40k **£6795**
55 VOLKSWAGEN Passat SE 2.0 TDi (Diesel) 4-dr. Finished in met blue, alloys, a/c, 6-speed, 1 owner, fsh, 63k **£6795**
55 RENAULT Megane SL Oasis 1.6 5-dr. Finished in black, alloys, air-con, cd, electric sunroof **£5495**
05 TOYOTA Corolla T3 D4D (Diesel) 5-dr. Finished in met silver, alloys, a/c, cd, 1 owner, fsh, 48k **£6495**
05 SEAT Altea Stylance TDI (Diesel) Finished in met grey, alloys, climate, cd, 56k **£6495**
05 FORD Focus Zetec Climate 1.6 TDCi (Diesel) 5-dr. Finished in tonic blue met, alloys, a/c, cd, 70k **£5995**
05 FORD Focus LX 1.6 TDCi (Diesel) 5-Dr. Finished in panther black met., pas, air con, c/locking, e/windows, 82k . . . **£5495**
05 PEUGEOT 307 1.6 SE 5-dr. Finished in met grey, alloys, climate control, cd, 1 owner, 38k **£5295**
05 CITROEN C4 LX 1.6 HDI (Diesel) 5-dr. Finished in met gold, pas, c/l, e/w, cd, 47k **£4995**
54 VAUXHALL Astra 1.6 Design Auto 5-Dr. Finished in met storm grey with **black leather trim**, alloys, a/c, cd, 18k . . **£5295**
54 FORD Focus 1.6 Auto 5-dr. Panther black, alloys, cd, pas, c/l, e/w **£4495**
04 TOYOTA Corolla T3 1.6 VVTi Auto 3-dr. Finished in met blue, alloys, a/c, cd, 58k **£4995**
04 SEAT Leon SE 1.8 20v 5-dr. Finished in met grey, alloys, a/c, cd, 47k **£4795**
04 FORD Focus 2.0 Ghia 5-dr. Finished in met silver, alloys, a/c, cd/multichanger, 42k **£4495**
04 FORD Mondeo 1.8LX 5-dr. Finished in oyster gold met, pas, c/l, e/w, cd, cruise control, 57k **£3995**
53 HONDA Civic 1.6 Inspire 5-dr. Finished in met green, alloys, a/c, cd, 61k **£4695**
03 MERCEDES A170 CDI (Diesel) Classic 5-dr. Finished in blue, pas, r/c/l, e/w, a/c, cd, 45k **£4995**
02 MERCEDES A140 Elegance 5-dr. Finished in metallic silver, alloys, a/c, cd 59k **£3995**
03 MAZDA 6 1.8 TS 5-dr. Finished in met blue, alloys, a/c, cd, 67k **£3995**
03 CITROEN C5 LX 5-Dr 2.0 HDi (Diesel). Finished in met red, pas, r/c/l, e/w, a/c, cd, 81k **£2995**
03 ROVER 75 1.8T Club SE 4-dr. Finished in met. blue, pas, c/l, e/w, a/c, alloys **£3195**
51 TOYOTA Avensis 1.8 VVTi GS 5-dr. Finished in met red, a/c, radio, cd, pas, c/l, e/w, 67k **£2695**
Y VW Passat 2.0 SE 4-dr. Finished in met blue with **full beige leather**, alloys, a/c, cd, 88k **£2995**
Y FORD Focus Ghia 1.8 TDDI (Diesel) 5-dr. Pacific met green, pas, c/l, a/c, cd, 56k **£2995**
Y MAZDA 323 1.6 GSi 5-Dr. Finished in blue met., alloys, a/c, cd **£2695**

SMALL CARS

57 FORD Fiesta 1.25 Style 3-dr. Finished in jeans blue met, pas, a/c, radio/cd, e/w, 10k **£6795**
57 SMART Fortwo Pure 71 Auto. Finished in black, pas, r/c/l, cd, 6k, only £35 per year road tax **£5995**
07 FORD Fiesta Style Climate 1.4 TDCi (Diesel) 5-Dr. Finished in met green, air con, pas, c/locking, e/windows, cd, 31k, only £35 a year road tax **£6995**
07 FORD Fiesta Zetec Climate 1.4 TDCI (Diesel) 5-dr. Finished in black, alloys, a/c, cd, 42k, only £35 per year road tax . . . **£6795**
56 FORD Fiesta 1.4 Zetec Climate 3-dr. Finished in metallic moondust silver, alloys, a/c, cd, 48k **£6195**
56 CITROEN C3 Desire 1.4 HDi (Diesel) 5-dr. Finished in wicked red, pas, r/c/l, e/w, a/c, cd, 1 owner, 33k **£5795**
56 HYUNDAI Getz 1.1 GSI 3-dr. Met ice blue, pas, c/l, e/w, a/c, cd, 27k **£4695**
06 PEUGEOT 206 Verve 1.4 HDI (Diesel) 5-dr. Finished in met blue, alloys, a/c, cd, 36k **£5995**
06 PEUGEOT 206 1.4 Verve Finished in black, sports seats, alloys, a/c, cd, 37k **£5995**
06 CITROEN C3 1.1 Desire 5-dr. Finished in mauritius blue, pas, r/c/l, e/w, a/c, cd, 1 owner, 9k **£5495**
05 MAZDA 2 1.4 Antares 5-dr. Finished in met grey, pas, c/l, e/w, a/c, 27k **£3195**
05 VOLKSWAGEN Polo 1.2S 3-dr. Finished in Mars red, pas, r/c/l, e/w, a/c, 34k **£4995**
54 RENAULT Clio Dynamique 1.5 DCi (Diesel) 3-dr. Finished in met silver, alloys, sunroof, cd, 70k. only £35 a year tax . . **£4495**
04 TOYOTA Yaris 1.0 T3 5-dr. Finished in met silver, c/l, e/w, pas, 48k **£4995**
04 RENAULT Clio 1.2 16v Dynamique 5-dr. Finished in met silver, alloys, a/c, cd **£4295**
04 FORD Fiesta 1.25 Finesse 3-dr. Finished in forest green, pas, cd **£3995**
53 RENAULT Clio 1.2 Dynamique 3-dr. Finished in red, pas, c/l, e/w, cd, 35k **£4495**
53 PEUGEOT 206 1.4 Fever 3-dr. Finished in moonstone blue, pas, c/l, e/w, cd, 39k **£3995**
53 NISSAN Micra 1.2S 3-dr. Finished in met silver, pas, r/c/l, e/w, cd, 56k **£3495**
53 FORD Ka 1.3 finished in met black, pas, radio/cd, alloys **£3195**
02 VOLKSWAGEN Lupo 1.4E 3-dr. Finished in black, pas, rear wash/wipe, 67k **£3495**
02 RENAULT Clio Dynamique 1.6 3-dr. Finished in met blue, alloys, a/c, cd **£3295**
Y PEUGEOT 206 GLX 1.6 5-dr. Finished in diablo red, pas, a/c, c/l, e/w, multiplay cd, 53k **£2695**
Y PEUGEOT 206 1.1 Style 3-dr. Finished in crystal met green, pas, c/l, e/w, cd **£2695**

COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

06 FORD Transit 280 SWB (Diesel) Finished in white, low roof, side loading door, ply lined, 53k . . . . . **£4895+VAT**
06 VAUXHALL Vivaro 1.9 CDTi SWB (Diesel) Finished in white, side loading door, ply lined, 59k . . . . . **£4895+VAT**
56 FORD Transit Connect 200 (Diesel) Finished in white, side loading door, ply lined, 62k . . . . . **£3995+VAT**
05 VAUXHALL Astra Envoy CDTI (Diesel) Van. Finished in orange, pas, r/c/l, 62k . . . . . **£2995+VAT**

05 VOLKSWAGEN Polo 1.2S 3-dr. Finished in Mars red, pas, r/c/l, e/w, a/c, 34k **£4995**

05 RENAULT Megane CC 1.9 DCi (Diesel) Dynamique. Finished in met grey, alloys, climate, cd, 50k **£7495**

57 FORD Fiesta 1.25 Style 3-dr. Finished in jeans blue met, pas, a/c, radio/cd, e/w, 10k **£6795**

05 PEUGEOT 206 CC Quicksilver 1.6. Finished in met silver with Quicksilver trim, alloys, climate control, cd, 38k. . . **£6795**

TEL.01446 735555 **www.abcarsalesltd.co.uk** **SAT NAV CF63 2QW**

COMPACT CARS

"COMPACT CARS, COMPACT PRICES"

OPEN 7 DAYS | **DRIVE AWAY FOR £99 DEPOSIT** | **FINANCE AVAILABLE (Subject to status)** | **MANY MORE CARS IN STOCK**

05 RENAULT Megane 1.4 Dynamique 40k, alloys, air con, CD player, sports interior, low tax and insurance

03 MG TF 1.8 Sprint 48k, ABS, pas, cd player, passenger airbag, traction control, alarm

T FORD Galaxy 1.9 Zetec T/Diesel Auto 73k, ABS, passenger airbag, traction control, low insurance rating

53 RENAULT Clio 1.2 Dynamique 2 owners, e/pack, alloys, CD system, low tax and insurance

04 NISSAN Cube 1.4 Auto. Air con, DVD player, e/pack, low tax, huge load area, ultra cool!

04 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.0 12v Life Twinport Only 29,000 miles, two owners, low insurance and tax group.

04	**VW GOLF 2.0 TT TDi 5-dr (140)** in superb condition, with service history, only 63k, in silver, be quick at	£7995
04	**BMW 316 Ti ES.** 2 owners, FSH, alloys, in gloss black, yours for	£5995
04	**04 NISSAN 1.4 Cube.** Fantastic, versatile little vehicle, low tax, low ins, low running costs	£4995
54	**PEUGEOT 307 2.0 HDi SW** 40k, e/pack, low ins, 50mpg	£4695
54	**VAUXHALL Signum 1.9 DTi Elite (150)** Superb example, in silver with black leather	£4995
53	**RENAULT CLIO 1.2 Extreme 3** lady owner, alloys, jazzy interior, CD system low tax and insurance	£3395
53	**PEUGEOT 206 1.4 Look 5 dr,** low mileage, air con, service history, in titanium met only	£3695
03	**RENAULT CLIO 1.2 Expression** 40k, lady owner, e/pack, CD player, low tax and insurance	£3995
03	**FORD KA 1.3 Colour Collection.** Low, low mileage, perfect first car, in metropolitan blue	£3295
03	**FORD MONDEO 1.8 LX** a/con, cd player, e/pack, value at	£2495
03	**FIAT PUNTO 1.2 ACTIVE** Sky blue metallic, only 60k	£2995
03	**FIAT PUNTO 1.2 ACTIVE** 70k, lady owner, e/pack, low ins	£2995
52	**PEUGEOT 206 1.4 LX** 70k, a/con, cd system, low ins	£3495
52	**FORD FOCUS 1.6 LX** Facelift 80k, a/con, CD system	£2995
52	**HYUNDAI ACCENT 1.5 GSi T/Diesel** 70k, s/history, e/pack, superb economy, low insurance	£2995
52	**RENAULT MEGANE 1.4 Dynamique** 50k, e/pack, alloys, low ins	£3495
51	**PEUGEOT 206 1.9 Diesel LX.** 60+ mpg, 5-dr, practical family runabout	£2695
51	**VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 CLUB** 54k, lady owner, e/pack	£2695
51	**ROVER 25 1.6 il** alloys, a/con, e/pack, superb at	£1995
51	**VAUXHALL VECTRA 1.8 CD** alloys, multi cd, a/con superb	£1995
02	**MERCEDES E220 CDi Classic** auto alloys, climate, cruise, e/pack, diesel economy for	£5995
02	**52 PEUGEOT 307 2.0 HDi. 7-seater,** service records, very practical with low running costs, your for only	£3995
02	**RENAULT LAGUNA 1.8 Expression** 60k, e/pack, CD system, air con, plush interior, ideal family hatch	£2695
02	**FORD FOCUS 1.8 Ghia** 80k, 2 owners, top spec	£2795
02	**FORD FOCUS 1.8 LX TDCi 1.6 CLUB** a/con, alloys, cd system, 50mpg	£3295
02	**ROVER 75 Classic CDTi** 2 owners, e/pack, alloys	£2995
02	**RENAULT LAGUNA 1.9 DCi Authentique** met silver, alloys, 45+ mpg	£2995
02	**FORD KA 1.3** 1 private owner, full Ford service record, alloys, only	£1995
Y	**SUZUKI Grand Vitara 2.0 Special Edition** 74k, FSH, alloys, CD system, e/pack, lovely 4x4 at	£2995
Y	**ALPHA 156 2.4 JTD LUSSO T/Diesel** leather, etc, rare	£1895
01	**Y BMW 318i SE Touring** Only two owners, service history, superb example in silver	£3995
01	**X MERCEDES E320 CDi Diesel** sought after model with full leather	£3995
01	**X FORD Ka 1.3** Only one owner, and 48k! Finished in silver	£1995
X	**RENAULT MEGANE 1.6 Sport Conv** 60k, power hood, alloys	£2995
X	**CITROEN PICASSO 1.6 LX** a/con, cd player, plush trim	£1995
V	**BMW 323 Convertible. 80k,** e/hood, alloys, sports trim, superb at	£3995
V	**PEUGEOT 406 Pininfarina Coupe 2.0 V6** 66k, FSH, leather, cruise alloys, premium sound system	£2995
W	**VW LUPO 1.4S.** 70k, FSH, e/windows, p/steering, sports trim, low tax and insurance	£2995
W	**FORD ESCORT 1.6 Finesse Estate** 80k, alloys, a/con	£1695
W	**VAUXHALL OMEGA 2.0 GLS** auto 80k, s/history, e/pack, alloys, spacious saloon at	£1795
S	**VW POLO 1.4 CL** 2 owners, p/steering, e/pack, low tax and insurance, only	£1695
S	**FORD FOCUS 1.8 LX** 80k, alloys, leather, family hatch	£1995
S	**PEUGEOT 1.5 Diesel ZEST 2.** cd player, low tax, low insurance, low running costs, only	£1495
R	**HONDA 2.0 CRV.** 50k, Japanese reliability, superb condition, only	£1695
98	**R PRIMERA 2.0SVE** Full grey leather, wood rim steering wheel, top spec model in white	£1395
96	**N JAGUAR XJ 3.6 SE** full cream leather, 18" sport alloys, in claret red met	£2695
P	**LEXUS GS300 LEGATO** full grey leather, top spec model with full service history, in claret red met	£2995

99 V FIAT COUPE 20v 2.0 74k, s/history, pas, e/windows, c/locking, air con, alloys, CD auto changer, in red

05 TOYOTA Yaris 1.4 D4D T3. 1 owner & demo, 46k, FSH, CD system, e/pack, 65mpg, only £35pa Tax.

53 SMART For Two City Push Only 1 owner, only 40k with service history

53 MAZDA 323 2.0 Sport 42k, s/history, a/c, cd player, passenger airbag, abs, pas, leather upholstery

54 CITROEN C2 VTS Paddle shift Auto, only 2 owners, 50k, fun to drive, your for only £4495

51 AUDI 1.9 TDi Avant (130) SE. Superb example, full service history, in titanium metallic

Visit us at www.compactcarswales.co.uk

01656 767606 WATERTON ROAD • BRIDGEND • CF31 3YY

SAT NAV USERS **CF31 3YY**

GEM sport

COWBRIDGE RFC TENTH ANNUAL VETERAN'S TOUR MAKES FOR AN INTERESTING TRIP!

LAST Saturday, following earnest assurances to loved ones that "Of course I won't be playing. At my age it would be madness," followed by surreptitious checks that boots had been packed, a motley crew assembled in the rugby club for the 10th annual veterans' mystery tour.

The usual mixture of older and younger players gave rise to a powerful aroma of linament and hair gel on the bus. Conversation soon turned to speculation about where we would be going and how many notches belts had been loosened by over the last year (quite a few by the sound of it).

Picking up several players along the way, speculation about our destination reached fever pitch as we stopped for the obligatory rolls, sausages and fiery dip in a layby north of Hereford.

Half an hour later all questions were answered as we pulled into the carpark of a hotel in Ludlow. Rather bizarrely we did not get off the bus but headed on to meet our opponents Luctonians RFC.

Having taken in their impressive facilities we quickly got changed and headed out on the pitch to begin a gentle warm-up, pausing only to note with dismay that the Luctonian players appeared to be considerably younger than we were. Best estimates were by about 25 years per player!

Under the experienced captaincy of Glyn Thomas, Cowbridge matched Luctonians for commitment and our lack of pace and fitness was made up for with the guile that comes with years of experience – some of it illegal!

However, youth began to prevail and Luctonians took the lead with a well-worked converted try 15 minutes into the game.

Cowbridge held out until the stroke of half time when tired legs allowed the opposition to score another converted try. Half time: 14-0.

Another try shortly after half time saw Luctonians go further ahead, but spurred Cowbridge into action and a passage of sustained pressure saw Steve Burchenough force his way over.

The try was converted with consummate ease by Luke Adams.

As fatigue set in Luctonians demonstrated enviable fitness levels and they ran out winners 28-7.

However, given the limited number of players available and the fact that players were asked to play out of position there was no disgrace in this defeat and the Cowbridge players can be proud of their performance.

The post-match hospitality of our guests matched their facilities, during which Rupert Pembridge's attempts to drink a certain black Irish stout at a pace were quite frankly embarrassing.

Having been fed and watered we finally checked into the hotel and five minutes later set off on the trek into Ludlow.

One can only imagine what a group of 32 men, many of whom were limping, must have looked like strung out along the road in a persistent drizzle.

We spent a pleasant evening in the town doing what we do on tours – visiting art galleries and museums.

Sunday morning saw us assemble in the carpark and unbelievably everyone was on the bus for the 9am departure.

It was back to Luctonians for breakfast and then off to Westons Cider Farm for a tour and tasting session.

Depending upon your point of view, arranging a trip to a cider farm on a rugby tour was the idea of either a genius or a lunatic.

Those of us feeling more fragile tended to plump for the latter. That said it was a highly enjoyable experience, rounded off with a welcome roast dinner.

The final leg of the trip was punctuated with grumbles about apple pips stuck in dentures and saw us stopping at our regular haunt on the banks of the river Wye where the club's resident ornothologist, Ed Prior, drew our attention to a mother duck swimming with her 'little birds' (it's 'ducklings' Ed) and an informative lecture by Ritchie Taylor on how to avoid drowning in a fast flowing river, which still has us all scratching our heads.

The debrief in the Duke of Wellington rounded off the trip nicely and once again special thanks must go to John Powell and John Griffiths for organising another great tour, which has us all looking forward to next year.

THE ANONYMOUS VETERAN

Cowbridge's lady bowlers struggle in tough week

IT was not a good week for Cowbridge lady bowlers, with two defeats in both their games.

On Tuesday in a Cowbridge Challenge Shield match, away to Pengelli, they lost 36-62, losing on all three rinks.

Rink scores: Sue Flower's rink 12-17; Shirley Wilkinson's rink 15-21, and Joy Woolford's rink 9-24.

On the Thursday, in a league match away to Millwood, they lost 38-58.

Pat Davey's rink had a well-earned draw 16-16; Shirley Wilkinson's rink lost 12-20 and Sue Flower's rink lost 20-22.

The men also lost away to Millwood in the Munro Cup on Wednesday night, going down 48-80.

Only Brian Kent's rink of Mansel Davey, Mick Davey and captain Brian Williams drew 16-16.

However, in a very good game, Norman Wilkinson's rink only lost on the last end by two shots, after holding shot, just losing 11-13.

Other rink scores saw Byron Richards rink lose 11-19 and Dennis Snelling's rink lost 10-32.

In the second match of the Carruthers Shield, the men had a good win at home to Windsor Penarth by 96-54, winning on all four rinks.

Rink scores; Byron Richards' rink won in a good game 19-15; Dennis Snelling's rink won well 26-10 and Norman Wilkinson's rink won 27-14.

The club's internal competitions start soon.

NJW

First victory for under-15 cricketers

THE first game of the new season saw the Cowbridge under-15s cricket team beat Sully in the first round of the National under-15s club competition.

The team will now play Miskin in the next round, also at home.

Sully won the toss and put Cowbridge in to bat in the 20-overs match, played on the artificial wicket on a misty and cold May evening.

Although losing the early wicket of the vice-captain Tom Francis, young opener Sam Wood (14 runs) and captain Alex Kurobasa put on a stand of 40 runs for the second wicket to restore the advantage.

The instruction of hard hitting international Bethan Moorcraft (23 runs) put on a stand of 56 runs with her captain who had to retire on 50 not out.

There was a small addition of runs from the next four batsmen, Nick Oakes entertaining the crowd with his running between the wickets and hard hitting.

The innings reached 120-6 at the end of their allocated overs. Ben Spear (3-20) and Ben Callow (2-21) were the best of the Sully bowlers.

An opening stand of 29 runs between Ben Spear and Ben Callow kept Sully ahead of the required run rate with the latter (37 runs) having a stand of 70 runs with D Chaulk (28 runs). Sam Wood had a hand in dismissing both, running out one, and a stumping by Gethin Davies off his bowling for the other.

At this point, Sully needed 20 runs from the remaining four overs. Archie Yates got a cheap wicket before the reintroduction of fast bowlers Francis and Kurobasa in fading light.

It was to be the captain's man-of-the-match display when he bowled a maiden last over when only seven runs were needed. Victory for Cowbridge by seven runs.

COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SPORTS ROUND-UP

Honourable draw in school's annual cricket match

THE annual cricket match between the School 1st XI and the XL Club was played at Cowbridge Cricket Club on Wednesday, May 6.

Year-8.

It was on a cold and windy day that the school team was asked to bat in a declaration game that was to finish no later than 6.30pm.

There was early success for the 'old team' of the XL when Nat Elliot-Green was dismissed first ball by Richard Harris (Escelly CC).

The school dominated proceedings for the next hour and a half with Michael Lloyd (96 runs) and Adam Wood (57) compiling a 119-run partnership.

The tempo continued with Nick Davies scoring a quick 40 runs, but the other batsmen fell at regular intervals trying to emulate the top batsmen.

Richard Leachman (Worcester CC) playing on his 923th ground, took 1 for 44, Hugh Williams (Cowbridge CC) 2 for 38, and Wyn Lloyd (Neath) took 3 for 7, for captain Michael Lloyd to declare at 214 for 8.

James Persey and Ben Homan posed problems with the new ball, James accounting for Jeff Thomas (Penarth) for two. Wyn Lloyd and John Brazier (Cowbridge CC) added 47 runs for the second wicket, before captain Lloyd dismissed one and Tom Johnson the other.

David Webb (Cowbridge CC) fell to Lloyd. A 123-run partnership between Richard Harris and Peter Docherty (Penarth) 75 and 23 no respectively gave the school bowlers a little of their own treatment, but not enough to gain victory. The XL side finished on 172 for 5 in an enjoyable fixture that ended in a draw.

The school would like to thank the Cowbridge CC for the use of their facilities and ground for this prestigious fixture.

HW

RUGBY

THE school year-8 rugby team travelled west to play in the National 7s Tournament at Strade School, Llanelli.

This group of boys were defending the title won by the year-8 boys last year.

The first game was against Penydre School, Merthyr, Cowbridge winning 41-7.

The second game was against Bryntawe School, Swansea, winning 25 -14, and the third game against Coed Cae School, Llanelli, they won 15 -14.

Having won their group, they next played in the knockout stage versus Bro Myrddin, Carmarthen, winning closely 15-14, with a try by Rhys Elms in the corner in the last play of the game.

This meant they qualified for the quarter-finals, to be played next day at Burry Port RFC.

Two pools of five were left in the competition where the team played Cefn Saeson first, winning 50-0, an excellent start. This followed with wins over Dwr y Felin School, Neath (29-7), Whitchurch School, Cardiff (27-0) and Cwm Rhymni School, Bargoed (22-5).

This meant they now had reached the semi-final stage.

The team travelled back to Strade School to play their semi-final against Porthcawl Comprehensive, winning 41-5.

The reward was to play the final on Parc y Scarlets.

What an outstanding achievement to win nine matches on the trot. The boys, tired and exhausted, travelled the short distance to the stadium where they met their opponents, local school Y Pant.

In a tremendous final where both teams scored two tries each, sadly for Cowbridge their tries were in the corners while Y Pant scored theirs under the post.

The game was lost to the conversions, losing 14-10. A tremendous two days was had by all the squad.

Try scorers during the tournament were Scott Laken (4), Rhys Elms (8), George Francis (2), James Whittingham (9 plus four conversions), Chris Brace (10 plus eight conversions), Cameron O'Sullivan (4), Harri Collier (captain) (2 plus two conversions), Harri Thomas (5 – one on the Parc in the final,) James Caseley (1 – first Cowbridge player to score on the Parc), Joseph Gaughan (5), Nicky Griffiths (1).

Other members of the squad were George Griffiths Harri Dowell-Bennet and year-7 captain Dan Holder.

The boys were a credit to the school in their massive contribution over the two days.

GW

TENNIS PLAYERS SHOW GOOD DOUBLES FORM

COWBRIDGE Tennis Club continue to show winning form in their fixtures in the South Wales Doubles League.

The men's team put in another strong performance to win 7-2 away at Alt-Yr-Yn, Simon Lake and Paul Arnold, and Allen Duggan and Rhodri John winning all their sets.

The ladies second team won 4-2 against Cardiff LTC at home with Jane Wilby and June Donagh, and Nonie Hempson and Julie Couzons, winning their matches.

Once again, the ladies first team had a close match which was tied on 3-3 with 7-7 in sets and 50-50 in games. Cowbridge will be awarded the win as their first pair - Alison Kurobasa and Jane James - had won both their matches.

The club has an open day on May 16 from 10am-12noon for juniors and from 2pm for seniors.

There will be refreshments and a barbecue and a warm welcome to non-members and beginners.

Rain or shine...

Bridgend GOLF Complex

Induction or improvement £15 PER LESSON £42.50 for 3 £80.00 for 6

Why not Book a course?

Sandra Bale and staff extend a warm welcome to beginners and experienced golfers alike. See our resident golf professional, Steve Gough, for expert instruction.

- Nine-hole pay & play
- No membership fees
- No handicap necessary
- All weather floodlit driving range
- Professional tuition available
- Junior Group Lessons
- Senior and Ladies' Mornings
- PGA-approved golf shop
- All equipment available for hire
- LOYALTY SCHEME AVAILABLE

EXCELLENT VALUE

Weekdays: 9 holes £6.00, 18 holes £9.00

Weekends and bank holidays: 9 holes £7.00, 18 holes £10.50

Tel: 01656 647926

We're easy to find - off A48, opposite Bridgend Ford